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**Department of Sociology**

**Spring 2018**

Hello Sociologists,

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our Spring 2018 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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*Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives*

## Message from the Chair, Dr. Anne Figert



Midway through the Spring 2018 semester, our thoughts turn to March Madness and basketball (Go Ramblers), hoping that the Spring will actually come to Chicago along with flowers and warmer temperatures,

and the teaching and research that make this department strong.

We have had a busy academic year 2017-2018 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.

There are some impending changes on the faculty:

Professor Talmadge Wright will be retiring at the end of this semester after 27 years of service to the department and Loyola. He will be missed but we look forward to hearing stories of warmer weather in California, travel and continued community involvement in the years ahead.

Professor Peter Rosenblatt was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor. Congratulations to Peter!

Savina Balasubramanian, Ph.D. from Northwestern will be joining the faculty in the Fall and we will highlight her and her research in the Fall newsletter.

I would also like to congratulate Ms. Stephanie DeCaluwe for being a finalist for Staff Member of the Year in November. As the department administrator, none of us could function without her daily work, good humor and ability to keep us all on track. Likewise, Anthony Mangini who works with the student records and especially the graduate program has quickly become an essential member of the department.

In this newsletter, you will read about many of these accomplishments of our faculty, staff, 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.



*Stephanie DeCaluwe being recognized at the Staff Recognition Awards Ceremony in November.*

## Faculty *Kudos and Announcements*



*Dr. Dana Garbarski appointed the Carolyn Farrell Endowed Assistant Professor at The Gannon Center for Women and Leadership*

Dana Garbarski was recently awarded the position of Carolyn Farrell Endowed Assistant Professor in Women and Leadership at the [Gannon Center for Women and Leadership Loyola University Chicago](#). In this 3-year position, she will work to promote a research agenda for the Gannon Center at the intersection of women, leadership and social justice. [Read more.](#)

# Faculty *Kudos and Announcements*

**Helena Dagadu** presided over a session on Global Health and presented “Insights from Health Policy-makers on Black Ethnic Heterogeneity and Chronic Disease Disparities in the U.S.” at the Midwest Sociological Society Conference in Minneapolis.



**Judson Everitt** was a keynote speaker at the Chicago Area Sociology Teachers conference.

**Dr. Everitt** presented “Lesson Plans: Adaptation, Ambivalence, and Inhabited Institutions in a Teacher Education Program” at the Midwest Sociological Society Conference in Minneapolis.



**Dana Garbarski** (first row, second from right) and colleagues presented work at the annual meeting of the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research in November, where she was elected Associate Conference Chair.

**Dr. Garbarski** and colleagues published “Greeting and Response: Predicting Participation from the Call Opening” in *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*.

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**Lauren Langman** presided over a session on Trumpism: Origins, Attributes and Ramifications and presented “From Repulsion to Resistance: Mobilizing for Dignity” at the Midwest Sociological Society Conference in Minneapolis.

**Cristian Paredes** published “Multidimensional Ethno-racial Status in Contexts of *Mestizaje*: Ethno-

racial Stratification in Contemporary Peru” in the ASA Journal: *Socius*.

**Peter Rosenblatt** was promoted to Associate Professor.

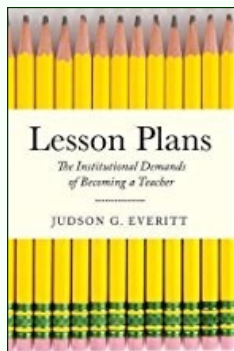
**Matthew Williams** received an advanced book contract from Temple University Press for his book *Strategizing Against Sweatshops: The Global Economy, Student Activism and Worker Empowerment*.

**Rhys H. Williams**, Courtney Ann Irby, and R. Stephen Warner co-authored 2018. “Dare to be Different’: How Religious Groups Frame and Enact Appropriate Sexuality and Gender Norms among Young Adults.” *Sociological Studies of Children and Youth* 23: 1-22, 2018.

**Dr. Rhys Williams** presented “Religion in Urban America: Its Past and Potential Futures,” 2018 Arthur C. Wickenden Lecture, Department of Comparative Religion, Miami University, Ohio, Oxford, OH, April, 2018.

**Dr. Rhys Williams** also presented “Religious Populism in America and the Possibility for Democratic Politics,” Conference on “Populism and Religion: The American Case.” The Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, School of Journalism, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, New York, March 1-2, 2018.

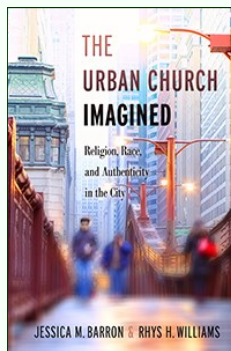
## *Faculty Books Published*



**Lesson Plans: The Institutional Demands of Becoming a Teacher (Critical Issues in American Education)** (Rutgers University Press)

**Dr. Judson G. Everitt**

Takes readers into the everyday worlds of teacher training, and reveals the complexities and dilemmas teacher candidates confront as they learn how to perform a job that many people assume anybody can do.



**The Urban Church Imagined Religion, Race, and Authenticity in the City** (NYU Press)

**Dr. Rhys H. Williams  
Jessica Barron (MA-2010)**

Explores the role of race and consumer culture in attracting urban congregants to an evangelical church



# UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

From *Dr. Judson Everitt, Undergraduate Program Director*



We are reveling in March Madness this year, as our Loyola Ramblers make a deep run into the NCAA Men's Bas-

ketball Tournament! The buzz on campus about this team has been electric, and Sister Jean has become a national celebrity. It has been a fun way to kick off Spring, to say the least.

Things are also buzzing in the Department of Sociology's undergraduate program this semester. The biggest news from undergraduate program this semester is that we have gone live with our new concentration areas in the major and minor. There is a new concentration for our

students in "Health in Society" and in "Social Justice in Society." Students who elect to pursue these concentrations take a sequence of courses that give them both a breadth and depth of knowledge in either sociology of health and healthcare, or the sociological foundations of social justice in the Jesuit tradition. Please see the department's website for further details about these new thematic concentrations, how to complete them, and what types of potential career paths they can inform. A great many thanks to all of the faculty in the Department of Sociology for their work in making this important addition to our curriculum for our students.

In addition, our annual student research symposium is scheduled for Thursday, April 5th in the Institute for Environmental Sustainability rooms 123 and 124. This event is an opportunity for undergraduate and

graduate students alike to present on their independent research projects in progress. Please mark your calendars and join us to discuss our current work in scholarship. Likewise, please also mark your calendars for our Advising Open House which will be Thursday, April 12th in the Damen Student Center between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Registration for fall courses is later in the spring semester than usual this year, and won't begin until Monday, April 16th. All students should stop by to talk about their course schedules, and get authorization forms signed for those planning to take the Capstone course in Fall 2018. Finally, please note our Departmental Awards Ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 2nd, more details to come.

Thanks to all for ongoing support of our undergraduate students.

## Undergraduate *Sociology Club*



The Sociology Club events this past Fall semester included a trip to The National Museum of Mexican Art/ Pilsen community (two left photos) and the Halloween horror fest (right photo). Contact Ashley Barber (ababer@luc.edu) or Bill Drust (wdrust@luc.edu) for information on joining this wonderful club.

# Undergraduate Classroom Events



On March 16, Sociology instructor Alma Begicevic took her class Society in a Global Age as a part of Learning Communities Program-Leadership for Social Change, to Goodman Theatre to see the play "An Enemy of the People."

The new Robert Fall's production is based on the 1882 play written by the Norwegian playwright, Henrik Ibsen, contemplating the question of democracy, rights, politics, science and ethics. Two brothers, one scientist-a doctor and the other a politician-a mayor of the town, find themselves in a conflict over water contamination that would have serious consequences on the health of the community. The scientist sees it as a major health crisis that needs to be resolved immediately,

but in a town-hall meeting the mayor presents it to the community as the 2-million-dollar revenue question that has to be collected through tax increase and will have serious economic impact on the community that already struggles. The New York Times writes that it "is startling how current the play's ideas feel" and The Village Voice that the play is so necessary granting "exhilarating to experience." The play was a perfect fit for the class that examines the questions of law, rights, power, society and globalization.

One student wrote: "Entering the viewing of An Enemy of the People at the Goodman Theatre, I was not expecting a play about a city's water supply being polluted to be particularly entertaining or engaging."

Another student writes: "After watching the play "An Enemy of the People" I feel like I have grown in my knowledge of different ways in which people view government, democracy, and their list of importance in life."

A student concludes: "I enjoyed the play, I think it is related heavy to sociology because it showed how society is easily swayed based on whatever people in power say is correct. Dr. Stockman had literal proof that the water was poisoned but since the mayor kept convincing the town it was not that is what they automatically believed and refused to even look at Stockman's evidence."

# Undergraduate Courses

## Summer 2018 summer:

Course #	Description	Meeting	Meeting Time	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, April 12th

Damen Student Center (table), 9:00am to 11:30 am

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:**

- Apr 5**      **Sociology Student Research Symposium, 9AM, IES 123/124**
- Apr 12**      **Sociology Advising Open House**  
                 **Damen Student Center, 9:00AM-11:30AM**
- April 15**      **Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium,**  
                 **DePaul University, DePaul Student Center** <http://www.caurs.com>
- April 20-23** **Loyola Weekend of Excellence**
- May 2**      **Sociology Honors Reception, McCormick Lounge, 3:00PM to 5:00PM**
- May 11**      **CAS, “Arts” Commencement, Gentile Arena, 10:00AM**
- May 21**      **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***  
[http://www.illinoissociologicalassociation.com/?page\\_id=27](http://www.illinoissociologicalassociation.com/?page_id=27)
- Dates vary** **National Science Foundation-*Research Experience for Undergraduates***  
[https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5517&from=fund](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5517&from=fund)

*Reminder Speaker series open to undergraduates*

**Master of Urban Affairs and Public Policy (MUAPP) Practitioner Series**  
[http://www.luc.edu/gradschool/MUAPP\\_events\\_.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/gradschool/MUAPP_events_.shtml)

**Friday morning seminars** ▪ 10:30-12:00 ▪ Center for Urban Research and Learning  
<http://luc.edu/curl/fridaymorningseminars/>

# Graduate Report

From Dr. Marilyn Krogh, Graduate Program Director



Congratulations to our graduate students who have won fellowships or recognition through Loyola's Graduate School for the next academic year, 2018-2019! **Nathalia Vidal Hernandez** has been awarded the *Arthur J. Schmitt Fellowship in Leadership and Service*, and **Cameron Williams** has been awarded a *Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship*. **Soumit Chacko** was named as a first alternate for the *Schmitt Fellowship*. These awards are highly competitive, and we're proud that the good work of sociology students is being recognized.

In February, for the first time, we held a *Three Minute Thesis Competition* in the department, and sent **Melissa Kinsella** to represent us at the university-wide event. It was a good opportunity to practice speaking very directly and concisely about current projects. Going forward, I'd like to encourage more occasions for graduate students to speak and hear about their work in "bite size" conversations. We enjoyed a mid-winter social hour in February as well.

The *Brown Bag Series*, where faculty members present their work on Wednesdays from 11:00-12:00 in Coffey 425, has been informative and well attended. These will continue through the rest of the spring semester. Many thanks to the organizers, **Dr. Dana Garbarski, Ashley Baber, and Steven Tuttle**, for making this happen!

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**Dana La Vergne, Júlia Mendes, Steve Sacco and Steven Tuttle** all presented at the *20<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference*, held at the University of Chicago in March this year. **Beth Dougherty** and alumnus **Erica Ramos** served on the organizing committee.

**Dr. Derrick Brooms** returned to campus on March 15 to give the *2nd Annual Eleanor V. Fails Alumni Lecture*. His talk, titled, "*Everyday We Wake Up with Something to Prove: Black Men on Resistance, Resilience and Community in College*," attracted students from across campus. We were joined by several prospective graduate students, who appreciated meeting

current graduate students at events before the lecture.

Springtime brings an abundance of conferences and events, both local and regional. Graduate students are encouraged to participate. Ongoing events include CURL and MUAPP seminars, as well as one-time events such as the Sociology Student Symposium, the Weekend of Excellence, the Midwest Sociological Society meeting, the Sociology Honors Reception and, of course, graduation. Below are a few key dates:

**Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL) [Friday Morning Seminars](#)** continue at 10:30. All welcome!

**Master's of Urban Affairs and Public Policy (MUAPP) [Practitioner Series](#)**

**March 22-25 [Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting](#)** in Minneapolis

**April 5 [Sociology Student Symposium](#)** in IES 123 from 9 AM to 3 PM

**April 21 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate School Interdisciplinary Research Symposium** Quinlan Life Science Building from 8:30 AM -5:30 PM (part of the Weekend of Excellence)

**May 2 [Sociology Department Graduation and Awards Reception](#)** in Mc Cormick Lounge at 3:00

**May 8 [Loyola Graduate School Graduation Ceremony](#)** Gentile Arena at 3:00 PM.

This summer, Dr. Judson Everitt will be offering Sociology 520, "*Teaching Sociology*" during the six week term, from May 21 through June 29. Anyone who is interested in teaching at Loyola or elsewhere is strongly encouraged to take this class.

As we think about the end of the school year, and what's coming next, please remember that the [Fellowship Office](#) and [Career Development Center](#) do have resources for graduate students and alumni. On behalf of all of us in the graduate program, I would to thank Dr. Talmadge Wright for his many years of service with graduate students and wish him all the best as he retires from Loyola and returns to his home in California.



# Graduate Student

PUBLICATIONS ♦ INTERNSHIPS ♦ FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS



**Dana La Vergne** (pictured right) presented 'I'm not who this system is designed for': Queer women as precarious biocitizens at the Chicago Ethnography Conference. University of Chicago. (March 17th, 2018).

**Julia Mendes** (pictured above left) presented "Deferred But Not Forgotten: The Experiences of DACA College Students Amidst a New and Tense Political Climate" (paper). Chicago Ethnography Conference. University of Chicago. (March 17th, 2018).

**Julia Mendes** was a panelist/presider presenting preliminary findings for her current research project on DACA recipients and talking about how institutions and their faculty can better support their undocumented students at the Midwest Sociological Society Conference, Minneapolis MN. (March 22nd - 25th, 2018).

**Julia Mendes** was a panelist "Hearing (And Learning) From Our Students" at the Midwest Sociological Society Conference, Minneapolis MN. (March 22nd - 25th, 2018)

**Julia Mendes** is Student Director on the MSS Board.

**Jonathan Neidorf** began working at Misericordia Home in

Chicago as a Development Assistant in late 2017. His work is primarily focused on expanding housing opportunities covered by Medicaid for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Steve Sacco** presented "With the Grain: Boat Kits and the Evolution of a Modern Craft" at the Chicago Ethnography Conference. University of Chicago. (March 17th, 2018).

**Steven Tuttle** presented "Diverse by Direction" or "Segmented Integration?": Commercial Gentrification and Diverse and Segregated Spaces in Two Chicago Neighborhoods at the Chicago Ethnography Conference. University of Chicago. (March 17th, 2018).

**Steven Tuttle** wrote a forthcoming book review to be published in *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

**Steven Tuttle** and **Cameron Williams** have been selected to be mentors for the Loyola undergraduate summer research mentoring program.



**Silvia Valadez** (pictured left) presented work at the annual meeting of the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research in November,

## ***Sean Young receives The Civic Engagement and Social Justice Award from the Graduate School***

*Sean was selected because of his commitment to Loyola's mission of social justice, as evidenced by his civic engagement activities. Sean has been able to effectively blend his research and scholarly interests with volunteer work that advance social justice both in the Roger's Park community, but also citywide in Chicago. Through his volunteer work, Sean has spearheaded efforts to ensure workers are paid living wages, and has also sought to address affordable housing barriers. His faculty mentor describes his passion for the efforts he has been involved in, but also how he has sought to conduct research that advances knowledge and has practical utility to community organizations. Similarly, the President of the Board for One Northside, the organization where Sean has volunteered, described how valuable Sean's support has been across a wide array of activities, from research and strategic planning support to assistance in organizing and participating in their Annual Convention. Sean truly embodies Loyola's commitment of social justice through service to others, and is highly deserving of this award.*

## ***Jennifer Cossyleon featured on ASA (American Sociological Association) website "Sociology in Action"***



**Jennifer E. Cossyleon** (pictured second from right) was interviewed for the "Sociology in Action" feature on the ASA website. She was asked about her work with Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI) to examine how grassroots community organizing shapes parents' lives. ASA asked Cossyleon about that work and how she connected with COFI. Jennifer explained that she initially connected with COFI through Loyola University's Center for Urban Research and Learning ([CURL](#)), where COFI had been a community partner for many years. COFI staff, along with a handful of other organizations, participated in a training series sponsored by the Chicago Foundation for Women, which Jennifer helped to coordinate at CURL. The training series was focused on helping community-based organizations who supported women and girls to increase their capacity to do research. COFI was interested in documenting the powerful stories of COFI involved parents. A research plan to help uncover how community organizing intimately shaped participants' social lives and families beyond was developed.

[Read the entire article.](#)



# Alumni News

**Michela (Mildred) Coffaro** (MUND-1963) is the Chair of the Sustainability Committee of the Town of Milton, Delaware. She is also a psychologist in four Nursing Homes.

**Daniela Lostumbo-Frelly** (BA-2006) has been has a position in management and massage therapy for Oregon's #1 voted spa/hotel by Travel and Leisure magazine and Forbes.

**Daniela and Ethan Frelly** (listed below) are proud parents of 2 year old Enzo.

**Katie Bachtell** (PhD-2007) moved to the San Diego area with her husband and three small children two years ago. She works remotely for NORC at the University of Chicago as a Senior Research Director in the Economics, Justice, and Society Department.

**Ethan Frelly** (BA-2008) was just named board of directors for his local chamber of commerce as

well as inducted into a second non profit board that organizes city events in Wilsonville, Oregon, a little town of 50,000. He has been the Master of Ceremonies for the City Street Fair and Christmas Tree lighting.

**Diana Therese M. Veloso** (Ph.D.-2012) was promoted to Assistant Professor V and is on her second term as the Graduate Studies Program Coordinator of the Behavioral Sciences Department at De La Salle University in the Philippines. She has conducted research on gender-based violence among people displaced by armed conflict in the Islamic City of Marawi, located in the Southern Philippines. Diana recently moderated a conference session at the Asia-Pacific Innovations Forum in Pattaya, Thailand, in January of 2018. She has also been giving lectures on victimology for criminologists and criminal justice practitioners all over the Philippines.

**Francis Flynn** (BA-2015, MA-2017) was hired by BMO in October for the position of administrative specialist. He works in the risk department at the 111 W Monroe building in Chicago in an admin/support role and directly supports the US Chief Risk Officer for BMO. Francis feels that his sociology degree has well equipped him for dealing with the real world in ways many people would not think of.

**George Wilson** (BA-2017) recently was hired in a market research job at Shapiro+Raj.

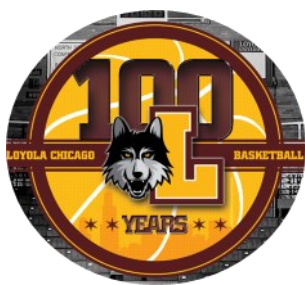
## Alumni Outreach

Send all news to:

*Stephanie DeCaluwe at*

*[Sociology@luc.edu](mailto: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](http://luc.edu/alumni).



## Loyola Men's Basketball All-Century Team Sociology Majors

Loyola Men's Basketball celebrated 100 years of collegiate basketball by naming 25 players to the "All Century Team". Of these players, 9 were Sociology majors. We congratulate "our" players:

*Darius Clemons  
Milton Doyle  
Keith Gailes*

*Carl Golston  
Javan Goodman  
Jerry Harkness*

*LaRue Martin  
Blake Schib  
Andre Wakefield*

# Alumni News



**Justine Finn** (BA-2008) is grateful for the opportunity as a Sociology student at Loyola to investigate the root causes of social problems, ranging from systemic racism, poverty and sexism to wage and education gaps, and to have developed some capacities to begin addressing these issues. In writing her senior Honors Sociology thesis in 2007 on what was being done to prevent sexual assault at Loyola, Justine found that most institutions and communities were doing little to address or prevent relationship and sexual violence. Since, then she has worked in the field of gender equality, sexual violence and education. In 2016, she founded an organization at the Harvard Innovation Lab, [Relation-Shift](#), after receiving the 2016 Harvard Entrepreneurship in Education Award.

Relation-Shift works side-by-side with schools and communities to prevent, respond and resolve relationship and sexual violence, bullying and harassment amongst middle and high-school aged youth. Relation-shift does this by providing customized and data-driven assessment services, workshops and trainings for educators, parents, and students and technical assistance to organizations and schools. So far, she has trained over 2,000 district and school leaders, educators and coaches and over 2,500 students in HI, IL, ME, MA, MN and WI. ([www.relationshipproject.com](http://www.relationshipproject.com)).

**Ronnell Crittenden** (BA-1995) has recently finished writing his first business fable book that has a focus on women in leadership.

*The Path to Leadership* is an easy-to-read fable that offers profound advice to anyone who wants to rise to a position of responsibility in any organization. Funny and touching, it offers insights into life that anyone can relate to. It can help you find your way in your job or in your community.



*The Path to Leadership: An Amazing Story of Challenges and Personal Growth* tells the simple story of a lion who needed to find his mission in life. When Maximus was passed over for a leadership position, he fell into self-pity and lost his will to become the leader he could be. Then after a wise beetle forced him to confront himself, Maximus set off on an arduous personal journey of discovery. Along the way he was tested in ways he hadn't imagined, and each test left him stronger and wiser.



*Loyola Alumni Weekend  
June 8th to June 10th, 2018*

[More Information](#)



## *Eleanor V. Fails Alumni Lecture*

On Thursday, March 15, 2018 the Sociology Department sponsored the second Eleanor V. Fails Alumni Lecture. The speaker was Dr. Derrick Brooms, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Cincinnati who received his PhD in Sociology from Loyola University in 2010. He specializes in the sociology of African Americans in urban environments, particularly black males, with research and activism that focus on educational equity, race and racism, diversity and inequality, and identity. His book is [\*Being Black, Being Male on Campus: Understanding and Confronting Black Male Collegiate Experiences\*](#) (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2017).

Dr. Brooms' lecture was titled, "‘Every day we wake up with something to prove’: Black Men on Resistance, Resilience and Community in College”



*Dr. Ayana Karanja with Dr. Derrick Brooms*



*Dr. Brooms with students, faculty and alumni*



*Dr. Brooms' presentation*



*Dr. Brooms' presentation*

## **Eleanor V. Fails**

The Eleanor V. Fails Lecture Series is made possible through the generous contribution of Eleanor V. Fails (1930-2015). Dr. Fails earned her second MA and Ph.D. in Sociology at Loyola University Chicago in the late 1960s. While at Loyola, she was a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and was known as Sister Christopher Marie. Dr. Fails was a professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh where she rose through the ranks to Chair of the Sociology Department. Her legacy funds an annual alumni speaker series, alumni panels and research and travel opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.



# Talmadge Wright Retirement

By Anne Figert

Chair of the Department of Sociology



Professor Talmadge Wright received his BA from Sonoma State University and his MA and Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine. Professor Wright has spent the last 27 years in a variety of academic positions at Loyola. He joined Loyola University Chicago as an Assistant Professor in 1991 and was tenured and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 1998. During his time here he became an Associate Faculty member in the Women Studies and Gender Studies Program, and he served the Sociology Department as the Graduate Program Director from 2012 through 2014.

As a scholar, Tal's research output has been steady, which in itself is remarkable since he "re-tooled" his area of scholarly expertise away from urban sociology (the topic of his early articles and first book) to the new areas of media studies, gaming, and digital play. In total, he is the author/co-editor of 3 books, 3 major research reports, 17 articles, chapters, report

chapters, 9 book reviews, and 51 scholarly papers, presentations, and invited lectures at regional, national, and international meetings and 19 invited talks or presentations. His book *Out of Place: Homeless Mobilizations, Sub-cities and Contested Landscapes* (State University of New York Press, 1997) received the 1998 Outstanding Scholarship Award from the Marxist Section of the American Sociological Association. In recent years Tal has become an important figure in the development of the subfield of digital media and play within sociology.

Tal has taught numerous required and elective courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels for the Sociology Department. In particular, he has consistently provided the required classes in sociological theory for both undergraduate majors and graduate students. Teaching theory is a demanding task – it is a necessary tool for students and developing scholars, but rarely do students become majors or graduate students because they want to study "theory." Making the course relevant to students' proximate interests at the same time being able to maintain professional and intellectual rigor is the key to such courses. In that regard, he has excelled. He has earned a well-deserved reputation as a tough but fair instructor and mentor. He has consistently offered a popular course in the core curriculum – Mass Media and Popular Culture – and has taught other substantive courses in the major and consistently makes himself available to students to do independent studies or directed readings courses, and has been the faculty director or advisor to many student groups.

Within the discipline of sociology, Professor Wright has engaged in notable professional service. He has served as an officer or committee member, on many different committees, for two major professional organizations -- the American Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems. At the university and departmental level, he has seen duty on Academic and Faculty Council, been elected to the University Senate, chaired the department's personnel committee for mid-probationary faculty reviews, been on many hiring committees, and was involved in helping to establish our service learning program over twenty years ago.

I know, as chair, that one can always count on Tal to serve on a committee if asked; he is a good and fair departmental citizen. I entered the department in the same year as Tal, and know that he is truly an intellectual and adds significantly to the intellectual life of the department. He is a voracious reader, generous with his personal library to colleagues or students needing a book, and always willing to discuss ideas, politics, sociology, or popular culture.

As indicated by this record, Professor Talmadge Wright has brought recognition to himself, the department, and the university for his scholarship and commitment to his students through his teaching and mentorship. He is still engaged in a variety of research projects with colleagues and students at Loyola – there are both papers currently under review and papers being prepared for submission. Professor Wright will keep his email and will continue to benefit the department by having its name associated with his future publications. We wish him the best of luck in his retirement and thank him for his years of service and collegiality.

# The Sociology Department Annual Research Symposium

The conference will take place on April 12th and will feature graduate and undergraduate work

**IES 123/124**  
**Begins at 9:00AM**

**Lunch will be provided**  
**Contact Dr. Judson Everitt (jeveritt@luc.edu) for more information**

## *Department Photos - Baby Boom*



Stella Nicole Everitt, 11/2/2017  
 Proud father—Dr. Judson Everitt



Ruby Amelia John Byrnes, 12/16/2017  
 Proud father—Bill Byrnes



Conrad William Thorngate-Barr, 1/27/2018  
 Proud mother—Sarah Thorngate

## *other important dates*

Thurs., Apr 5	<b>Student Research Symposium</b>	IES 123/124	9:00—3:00
Thurs, Apr 12	<b>Undergraduate Advising Open House</b>	Damen Student Ctr	9:30 - 11:30
Fri, Apr 13	<b>Talmadge Wright Retirement Party</b>	Heartland Cafe	4:00—6:00
Apr 20—23	<b>Loyola Weekend of Excellence</b>		
Wed., May 2	<b>Honors Reception</b>	McCormick Lounge	3:00—5:00
Tues., May 8	<b>Graduate School Commencement</b>	Gentile Arena	3:00 pm
Fri., May 11	<b>CAS, Undergrad Arts Commencement</b>	Gentile Arena	10:00 am
June 8-10	<b>Alumni Weekend</b>		