

Alumni News

Nicholas Burdi is pursuing an MA in Public Policy with a focus in global conflict at the University of Chicago's Harris School.

William Burr co-authored and presented an article with Dr. Judson Everitt and Dr. James Johnson titled "Financing Medical Education, Cumulative Debt, and the Social Psychology of Precarity among Newcomers to a High-Status Profession." The paper was presented at the Sociology of Health Professions Education Mini-conference hosted at the Eastern Sociological Society's Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (virtual).

Jennifer Cossyleon gave a presentation at Loyola hosted by the Sociology department on April 13th titled "The

Landscape of Collective Parent Action: Designing and Conducting Research in Applied Settings."

Kathleen Flores, class of 2016, completed their MBA from Concordia University Chicago this past December 2021.

Kevin Miller recently published an article titled, "[They're Not Closing This School, We Won't Let Them. Journal of Human Rights and Social Work, 1-10, \(2021\).](#)"

Diana Guelespe started a new position at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC, as an Equity Scholar in January. Here is the link to the [press release](#) and [open letter](#) from the president of the organization.

Jonathan Neidorf started last may working remotely from Chicago at the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota as a researcher. Their work focuses on deinstitutionalization, self-directed services, and criminal justice and how they impact people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Gary Schlesinger, class of 1967, has been practicing law in Illinois for 50 years, and named a super lawyer for 18 years.

Sean Young was the keynote speaker at the first Sociology GSA symposium, presenting a talk titled "The Community Context of Research: Developing an Agenda with Community-Based Organizations."

continued on next page



Diosa Bahe—Gonzaga University School of Law

My name is Diosa Bahe. I graduated with my Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Loyola Chicago in May 2021. With the help and guidance of Dr. Kathleen Maas Weigert (Dept. of Sociology) and Dr. Peter Bergeron (Dept. of Philosophy), I gained admission to Gonzaga University School of Law. I started my 1L year at Gonzaga in August 2021. It has been an amazing experience thus far and has been especially rewarding to see the intersections between Sociology and Law, and a comfort to know that my time with the Sociology Department has prepared me well for success in my doctrinal courses.

At Gonzaga, I've been working with a group of students in my cohort to establish the GU Law chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Throughout my role as Treasurer of this chapter, I've had the opportunity to conduct outreach to various businesses throughout Spokane to secure partnerships and funding to kickstart our mission, which is to provide legal protection for non-human animals as sentient beings in the eyes of the law. I'm very excited to see what the next two years has in store for us, and proud of the work that we've done thus far.

I am also happy to have secured a legal internship with the Western Environmental Law Center this summer in Portland, OR. I'm looking forward to exploring a new city and engaging in the critical fields of environmental and animal conservation law.

I am so grateful for my time in Chicago and for all of my professors at Loyola that helped me get to where I am in my academic career. (Also, shout-out to Dr. Krogh, hope you're doing well and having an awesome semester!)

Go Ramblers/Zags!

Alumni News

Caitlin Botsios—Helix Education

Caitlin Botsios earned a BA in sociology at Loyola in 2012, and is the co-owner of Helix, a non-profit in Edgewater that engages high school students in community work and learning. Helix has partnered with several Loyola classes in the past, and currently is collaborating with my students in Sociology 127 "Social Analysis and Social Action." The sociology students are working on a range of projects with Helix.

At Helix, Caitlin and her partner and fellow Loyola alum Sean Connolly are helping Rogers Park's Sullivan students open a small business on their high school's campus, developing a partnership with the Chicago Housing Authority, planning a Clark Street block party and developing a new, nine-month internship program. They also design and sell lesson plans to schools in Chicago and central Washington state that focus on project-based learning.



Here's a link to a recent Phoenix story about Caitlin's work: [Loyola Alumni Close Helix Cafe, Rebrand their Non-Profit with Students' Help \(loyolaphoenix.com\)](http://loyolaphoenix.com)



Danny Drees—Trans Youth Activist and Author

"Transgender people, especially transgender youth, have been targeted in hundreds of bills passed in statehouses throughout the country over the last several years. These bills have created unnecessary harm and stress, especially for young people. The intention of these bills violates the call for Catholics and Catholic institutions to uphold the human dignity of all people. If you're not already aware of this issue, please consider learning more, discerning how you can help affirm the human dignity of LGBTQ+ people, and taking other action to help transgender people and transgender youth. You can find more information at hrc.im/ProtectTransKids." - Danny Drees

Danny Drees, class of 2017, recently self-published a book that reframes the choice to live without a car as a way to save money, be happier and healthier, and make the world a better place. A passion project rather than academic publication, this ebook makes new and untraditional suggestions on how to live life without a car. The book can be found [here](#).

"Car(e)free will forever change the way you think about personal transportation in America. Drees journeys into the hard truths (and the negative impacts) of owning a car and demonstrates the multitude of personal, community and environmental benefits when you choose walking or biking. I love how he weaves in mindfulness - a good reminder to slow down! To sum up: informative, easy to read, and inspiring." - Elizabeth Lovinggood, Amazon