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**Department of Sociology**

**Spring 2016**

Hello Sociologists,

Welcome, 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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*Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives*

## Message from the Chair



It is another beautiful day on Lake Shore campus. Spring is beginning to show up in multiple ways ...flowers are popping up

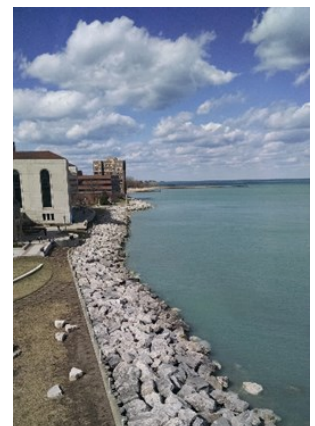
through the ground, buds are appearing on the trees, midterms have been taken and graded and thoughts are turning to the end of the semester, graduation and summer.

We have had a busy academic year 2015-2016 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 (Mary Erdmans talk, Alumni panel, artist Tatyana Falalizadeh, and our student research symposium). Our students and faculty have participated in important protests on and off campus in an effort to work for a more just society. We have also been working to reshape both our undergraduate and graduate programs.

Thank you to all who have looked at and liked our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LUCsociology>), have visited our departmental web page (<http://www.luc.edu/sociology/index.shtml>) or have made a financial contribution. At the web page, if you click on the box named “Make a gift” the money will go directly to the Department of Sociology for student and faculty research projects.

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. In particular, we have been under “new management” this year. This marks the end of my first year as Chair, Kelly Moore has done a fantastic job in directing the Graduate Program and Judson Everitt is turning the Undergraduate Program into a premier and vibrant major. Together (as faculty, staff and students) we are the Department of Sociology at Loyola University Chicago.

*Anne Figert*



# Faculty *Kudos and Announcements*

**Deborah Baskin**, along with Arielle Baskin-Sommers published an article in the *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*. The article is titled "Psychopathic traits mediate the relationship between exposure to violence and violent juvenile offending".

**Dr. Baskin**, along with Arielle Baskin-Sommers, Ira Sommers, Ava Casados, Molly Crossman, & Shabnam Javdani, published an article titled "The impact of psychopathology, race, and environmental context on violent offending in a male adolescent sample" in the *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment*.

**Helena Dagadu** was a panelist at the Chicago Urban League IMPACT Leadership Development Program's healthcare module. The *IMPACT* Leadership Development Program's goal is to create a pipeline of Informed, Motivated, Perceptive, Authentic, and Con-nected Talent who will form the next generation of African American leaders available to fill critical roles in the business, public, and non-profit sectors. The half-day session addressed key health issues affecting the African American community. The conversation explored ways to prevent and improve these health issues and increase awareness through education, advocacy, and outreach. More information about IMPACT and the Chicago Urban League can be found at: <http://www.thechicagourbanleague.org/impact>.

**Dr. Dagadu** was selected as a Scholar to participate in the 2016 Health Equity Leadership Institute, which will take place Sunday, June 12 – Friday, June 17th in Madison, Wisconsin. HELI is a partnership between the Collaborative Center for Health Equity, University of Wisconsin Madison and the Maryland

Center for Health Equity in the School of Public Health, University of Maryland College Park. HELI is an intensive weeklong "research boot camp" focused on increasing the number of investigators, particularly minority investigators, engaged in health disparities/health equity research and assisting them in achieving research funding through the National Institutes of Health (NIH). More information about HELI can be found at: <http://uwheli.com/>

**David Embrick** was elected as Vice President elect (2016-2017) and Vice President (2017-2018) for the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

**Judson Everitt's** forthcoming book is under contract at Rutgers University Press.

**Dr. Everitt** coauthored an article with Bradley Levinson, which appeared as the lead article in the April issue of *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*.

**Dr. Everitt** also began an appointment on the editorial board of *Teaching Sociology*.

**Dana Garbarski** presented a talk at the 2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, "Examining the Effects of Response Option Order and Scale Orientation on Self-Rated Health." She was a co-author on another presentation presented at the meeting, "Question Characteristics and Item Reliability."

**Dr. Garbarski** presented a talk at the Demography Workshop hosted by the Population Research Center (PRC) and the Center on Aging (CoA) at NORC at the University of Chicago, January 2016, "Examining Interviewers' Ratings of Respondents' Health: Correlates, Subsequent Mortality, and Concordance with Respondents' Ratings."

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**David Embrick** (second from left) participated WGN panel segment on race-diversity-politics on March 16th, the day following the Illinois presidential primary.

Here is the link to the news segment:

<http://wgntv.com/2016/03/16/chicagoans-weigh-in-on-election-results/>

# Faculty *(continued)*

## LUMA Exhibit

**Dr. Phil Nyden** and **Sean Young** (graduate student) are working with photographer Richard Wasserman on an exhibition, "Community Uprooted: Eminent Domain in the United States," that will open at the Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA) in early April. This covers the impact of eminent domain in eight sites around the country from the construction of the Norris Dam in the 1930s as part of massive Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) project that displaced thousands of families, to the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative in Boston where a community-based organization has been given eminent domain powers to preserve and create affordable housing in a low-income neighborhood. While Wasserman has photographed buildings and landscapes, CURL researchers have interviewed community leaders and residents in each of these communities. We will be producing on-line text, including audio from interviews, on an exhibit web site. The social histories of each community raise issues about "the common good;" costs and benefits of developments; and who "pays" and who "benefits" in the different eminent domain processes.

This has been a multi-year project involving many CURL undergraduate fellows and graduate fellows (who will be recognized as contributors in the final exhibit credits).

The exhibit web site will be [www.luc.edu/eminentdomain](http://www.luc.edu/eminentdomain). The site will be active in April.



Bensenville, IL—expansion of O'Hare Airport



Norris, TN—Tennessee Valley Authority project



Boston, MA—Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative

*The exhibit will be at LUMA from April 2 through July 23rd, 2016.*

*LUMA is located in Lewis Towers at the Water Tower Campus (820 N. Michigan Avenue)*

*LUMA is open Tuesday through Saturday, See [LUC.edu/luma](http://LUC.edu/luma) for museum hours.*

# Faculty *Kudos and Announcements(continued)*

**Dr. Garbarski** and colleagues have a forthcoming article that is currently published online in *Quality of Life Research*, "The Effect of Response Option Order on Self-Rated Health: A Replication Study."

**Dr. Garbarski** was awarded an LUC Summer Research Stipend to study "Gender, Cumulative Disadvantage and Health."

**Talmadge Wright's** review of "Falling Skies: A Modern Baroque Drama in Survivalist Chic", is scheduled to appear in *Humanity & Society*.

**Dr Wright** (along with Sociology alumnus **Gwendolyn Purifoye**) is quoted in a [Redeye article](#) titled "When CTA riders take matters into their own hands | The Transit Diaries".

# UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

From *Dr. Judson Everitt, Undergraduate Program Director*



Spring is upon us, bringing warmer weather, Spring Break, St. Paddy's Day, and March Madness, among

other pleasant distractions. We are in the midst of a great academic year for our Undergraduate Program, and we show no signs of slowing down. Our total course enrollments increased by roughly 100 students from Fall 2015 to Spring 2016, and we hope to sustain that growth into Fall 2016 with a strong set of course offerings. Our seniors have commencement squarely in their sights, with a number having pursued honors distinction in the course of completing their capstone theses and more than a dozen students completing meaningful internships this academic year.

Registration for fall courses will begin on Apr 18<sup>th</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 Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Between 10am-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 12<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, there is one more very important upcoming event to put on your calendars. On Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be hosting our annual Department of Sociology Student Research Symposium. Both graduate students and undergraduate students will be presenting their works in progress; all are welcome. Please come and hear what kinds of research our students are conducting, and share in the conversation about these issues. In addition, our annual end-of-year Awards Ceremony and Reception will be in McCormick Lounge in Coffey Hall from 3-5pm on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss either of these events!

## Undergraduate *Kudos and Announcements*

**Sociology majors, Addison Mauck and Ciara McDonnell, along with SANT major Samantha Snyder and Socl minor Kelsey McClear** participated in the Alternative Break Immersion (ABI) program over spring break. **Jenna Ofenloch (recent graduate and MA student)** was a leader for one of the immersion trips.

Read about **Jenna's** experience on the following page.

**Arissa Koines and Silvia Valadez** have been accepted as McNair Research Scholars. The McNair program prepares participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities.

**Amali Fernando**, a freshman in Socl 101 last semester, earned second place in the ISA undergrad student paper competition.

*Congratulations to the following December 2015 graduates:*

*Anthony Adams (SANT)*

*Nicole Duran (Socl)*

*Augusta Hillman (Socl)*

*Kristen Koehler (SANT)*

*Jenna Ofenloch (Socl)*

*Sara Shaaban (Socl)*

*Unsa Shafi (Socl)*

*Rebecca Victor (Socl)*



# Undergraduate *Experiences*

## *Alternative Break Immersions*

Loyola offers more than 20 ABI trips. The trips are all community service based and each trip has a unique focus, ranging from immigration to urban issues, to education and justice. Several of our majors/minors participate in ABI's.

*By Jenna Ofenloch, December 2015 BA Graduate, Current MA Student*



*Joppa Farm, TN ABI participants spelling out "Loyola"*

This past spring break I had the privilege to serve as a staff leader for the Alternate Break Immersion trip for first year students to Joppa Farm in Grainger county, Tennessee. I have been on numerous service and immersion trips, but none had touched my heart or changed my perception of myself and the world we live in the way this one did. I was able to live in community with 32 other people for a week: students from Saint Xavier University, Notre Dame, Loyola Chicago, and those who work at Joppa Farm. This trip emphasized simplicity and the importance of living intentional lives; the food that was consumed and purchased, in addition to the amount of water that was used, was utilized intentionally. We spent time in unity with nature and the community; reflecting under the stars, speaking to the elderly at a nursing home, attending bluegrass concerts, worshipping with the community at a Baptist revival, and

fixing floors, porches, roofs, and windows in people's homes. While it is nearly impossible for me to cogently explain what I did on this ABI, what I can say is that I wish that my heart may never be satisfied, may it always be unsettled. It is through this that my mind will recognize injustice and yearn for more love and peace in this world. I have been left speechless by the connections I made and the way my heart has been simultaneously broken and mended. I may have been one of the leaders of this trip but I was the one who was led by the light in the people I met, the spirit of love coursing through every moment of this journey, and the hills and hollers of Tennessee.

# Undergraduate *Courses*

## *Summer 2016 summer:*

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
Socl 101	Society in a Global Age	Online	Online	Session A
Socl 123	Mass Media & Popular Culture	MW	6:00pm-8:30pm	Session B
Socl 380	Internship	Arranged with Instructor	Arranged with Instructor	Session C
Socl 398	Independent Study	Arranged with Instructor	Arranged with Instructor	Session C

**Session A, 6 weeks—5/23 to 7/1; Session B, 6 weeks—7/ 5 to 8/12; Session C, 8 weeks—6/6 to 7/30**

## *Spring Advising Open House Tuesday, April 12th*

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:**

- April 1**      **Sociology Student Research Symposium, 9AM, IES 123/124**
- April 12**      **Sociology Advising Open House, Damen Student Center, 10AM-12PM, Coffey 425, 2PM-4PM**
- April 9**      **Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium, Museum of Science & Industry**  
<http://www.caurs.com>
- April 14-17**   **Loyola Weekend of Excellence**
- May 4**      **Sociology Honors Reception, McCormick Lounge, 3:00PM to 5:00PM**
- May 13**      **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://illinoisociologicalassociation.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](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. Kelly Moore, Graduate Program Director

Congratulations to **Megan Klein** and **Bill Byrnes**, recipients of 2016-2107 Schmitt Dissertation Fellowships, and **Jennifer Cossyleon**, recipient of a 2016-2017 Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship!

Graduate Students, the Graduate Student Association, and the Graduate Program Director have been very busy with new programming over the past year. Students have organized a Works in Progress workshop and a Special Field exam workshop, and we have offered faculty-led workshops on Building a Resume for Applied and Academic Jobs, Writing the MA thesis and the PhD Dissertation, Navigating the Job Market, and Publishing and Presenting at Conferences. Next year we will offer these and other workshops, including Writing Winning Fellowship and Grant Proposals, Working Effectively with Faculty, and Working with Community Groups.

We've had a lively recruitment season, with many talented and interesting students interested in urban sociology, medical sociology, sociology of race, sociology of religion, and social justice applying and registering for our BA/MA, MA, and Ph.D. programs. I'll introduce our new students in the fall newsletter. Many thanks to our current students for their help in the recruitment process---our applicants report that they are very impressed with the talents of our students, and with their interest in creating an inviting and supportive atmosphere.



## Graduate Students

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We would like to highlight the successes of **three graduates of our programs.**

**Whitney Ferrin-Rodriguez** is Research and Evaluation Manager, College Possible.



After graduating with an MA in Sociology in May 2012, I started working as the Data and Evaluation Manager for a homeless youth shelter in Minneapolis. I focused on building and establishing their internal capacity to collect and use data to evaluate the program and improve services. I was able to apply several of the analytic skills I had learned and strengthened in my graduate methods courses, including systematic data collection, creating datasets, identifying outcomes, and effectively disseminating results. But, it wasn't until I found my current job that I really felt and believed that I was making a difference in disrupting the social systems, power hierarchies,

and educational inequalities that attracted me to sociology initially. In early 2014, I started my new career as the Research and Evaluation Manager for College Possible, a national college access and success organization that helps low-income students get to and through college. This year, our AmeriCorps members will serve nearly 22,000 low-income students in six locations, including Chicago! As a data-informed organization, we are committed to evaluating our effectiveness at closing the degree divide and currently have seven major research studies underway. I manage a portfolio of five evaluations, including an RCT with Harvard, two quasi-experimental studies with the HOPE Lab at UW-Madison and CAREI at UMN-Twin Cities, and my very own Pre-Posttest study with the US Department of the Treasury. I also design and implement several internal evaluations to measure the impact of new pilot initiatives, track program outcomes, and identify trends. Each project reminds me of the complex social and economic barriers and injustice I encountered as a low-income first-generation college student myself, but this keeps me energized and focused on producing top quality research to help inform others of our progress towards educational equity.

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**Gwendolyn Y. Purifoye** is Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at Kent State University at Stark.

She joined the Kent department in 2014 after completing her PhD at Loyola University Chicago. Her research interests are in urban sociology, with special attention to place and space. She is specifically interested in civility and incivility in social interactions in public spaces, across race, class and gender groups. Her work has published in *City & Community* and she has other work due out later this year. At Kent she was a panelist for the *Conversations on Race*, an annual community town hall event. She teaches courses on Urban Sociology, Sociological Theories, Minorities in America, Deviant Behavior, and Introduction to Sociology.

She will present her research at Northwestern University's Ethnography Workshop later this spring and in the Ethnographies in Mass Transportation in a Globalized World workshop at New York University in May. Currently she is working on her book manuscript and several other presentations. She is a current member of the senior editorial board for the *Journal of Undergraduate Ethnography*.



**Bhoomi K. Thakore** (PhD, 2013) will begin a position Visiting Assistant Professor and Director of the Sociology Program at Elmhurst College (Elmhurst, IL) in Fall 2016.

My sociological interests broadly cover structural inequality, with particular focus on race/ethnicity/gender and media. In *South Asians on the U.S. Screen: Just Like Everyone Else?* (Lexington Books, 2016), based on my

dissertation research, I argue for the importance of understanding these representations as they influence the positioning of South Asians into the U.S. racial hierarchy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In *Race and Contention in Twenty-First Century U.S. Media* (Routledge, 2016), my co-editors, the contributors and I highlight the contested space that the media provides for changing dimensions of race, examining the ways that various representations can both hinder or promote positive racial views, and move beyond thinking of media as a passive and singular institution.

Since 2012, I have been part of the Scientific Careers Research and Development Group at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine project *The Academy for Future Science Faculty*, studying the long-term effects of a novel mentoring intervention (known as "Coaching") designed to promote persistence toward academic careers and impact the ongoing lack of diversity among life science faculty. In addition to publications, this study contributes to the NIH-funded *National Research Mentoring Network* (NRMN), a new nationwide consortium that provides enhanced mentoring and networking opportunities for underrepresented groups in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and social sciences.

Currently, I am Chairperson of the SSSP Council of Division Chairs, Council Member of the ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Media Review Editor for *Humanity and Society*, Program Chair of the 2016 Association for Humanist Sociology annual meetings, and serve on numerous editorial boards and committees.

I am committed to mentoring underrepresented students on professional development and job market preparedness. Interested students and graduates can reach me at [bhoomi.thakore@elmhurst.edu](mailto:bhoomi.thakore@elmhurst.edu) or check out my website at [www.bhoomikthakore.com](http://www.bhoomikthakore.com)

You can read about our **Current Students** on the graduate student profile section of our website: [http://www.luc.edu/sociology/Grad\\_profile.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/sociology/Grad_profile.shtml). But for now, get to know Bill Byrnes (Ph.D. expected 2017) and Melissa (MA expected 2017):



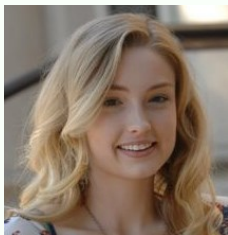
**Bill Byrnes** is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at Loyola University Chicago.

Bill graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work from Illinois State University in 2005, and worked in social services for

people with developmental disabilities. Shortly after receiving his Master of Arts in Sociology from Roosevelt University in 2009, Bill entered Loyola's sociology program full-time. He is currently a fellow at the Center for Urban Research and Learning where he works on projects evaluating the effectiveness of community and social service interventions. The Graduate School recently awarded Bill with a 2016-2017 Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship. His research interests are in race/ethnicity, political sociology, poverty and inequality, and neoliberalism. His dissertation work focuses on the collateral effects of mass incarceration on the middle class.

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**Melissa Kinsella** is a first-year MA student, who came to LUC after receiving her BA in Sociology from Illinois Wesleyan in 2014.

Before attending Loyola, I worked as a contributing writer for *Limited*, which is a local Bloomington/Normal lifestyle magazine. I also volunteered as a Sexual Assault Advocate for the YWCA of McLean County.

I was drawn specifically to Loyola's Sociology Graduate Program because of its emphasis on teaching and training teaching skills. This focus was decisive for me because my long-term career goals involve both teaching and research.

My research interests include gender and sexuality, violence, women's health, and social policy. With Dr.

Figert and Dr. Everitt, I am working on a master's thesis examining students' understandings of sexual consent on college campuses. It is important to understand differences between higher education's institutional definitions of consent and students' definitions of consent. Further, it is significant to note how students are pushing back against institutional definitions to make sense of their own experiences. I plan on conducting interviews with self-selected sexually active undergraduate students.

I work as a Graduate Reference Assistant at Loyola's Klarchek Information Commons. I assist students and community members with searching and locating electronic and print research tools. I am also a member of the University's Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC). With GSAC, I am facilitating planning the Graduate School Interdisciplinary Research Symposium in April 2016.

Our students have been very **Active Professionally:**

**Solly Chacko** presented Re-Imagining Indian Classical Dance as a Politically Engaged Performance at the National Women's Studies Association Meeting in Milwaukee, WI (November 2015)

In February 2016, **Jennifer Cossyleon** and Peter Rosenblatt presented "Section-8 In the Suburbs: An Evaluation of Security Deposit Assistance for Low-Income Residents in Milwaukee" at the Center for Urban Research and Learning.

**Jennifer** also presented "Organizing Meanings: Civic Engagement for Social Change" at the Loyola University Department of Sociology Works In Progress Workshop in January. And with Christine George, she presented "The Process and Impact of a Deferred Felony Prosecution Program in Cook County, Illinois" at the Urban Af-

fairs Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, in March 2016.

**Beth Dougherty's** presentation "Not Everyone Can Feel the Spirit: Toward a Sensory Sociology" was nominated for a Best in Session Award at the Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, March 2016.

In January, 2015, **Kasey Henricks** was quoted in *Forbes* and *The Seattle Medium* discussing the regressivity of lotteries and their racialized practices of predatory advertising. He also wrote an essay on the same subjects for *Contexts Magazine*.

**Kasey Henricks** presented "'I'm Principled Against Slavery, but...': Colorblindness, Three-fifths Debate, and a Racial Ideology Complex" to The Duke University Department of Sociology Race Workshop in February 2016.

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## Future Graduate Students - Class of 2042



**Seamus Gillis Allen**  
(son of Catherine Gillis)

Born - 11/26/15



**Michael Pierre Sacco**  
(son of Steve Sacco)

Born - 1/20/16

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**Bilal Hussain** presented “All Jokes Aside: Challenging Stereotypes in Muslim Stand-Up Comedy at the Association of Humanist Sociology 2015 Annual Conference, Portland, OR (October 2105) and at the Sociology Department Graduate Student Works in Progress Workshop in March 2016.

Mogford, Elizabeth, **Courtney Ann Irby** and Abhijit Das published “Changing Men to Change Gender: Combating Hegemonic Masculinity through Antiviolence Activism in Northern India.” *International Journal of Sociology of the Family* 41(2): 71-93 (2015).

**Courtney Ann Irby** presented “Is It Because You’re a Man or an Extrovert?: The Role of Expertise in the Transmission of Gender Difference in Conservative Re-

ligious Communities” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Long Beach, CA, October 2015 and at the Quarterly Meeting of the Sociologists for Women in Society, Nashville, TN, February 2016.

**Steve Tuttle** and Peter Rosenblatt presented “Imagining the Changing City: Gentrification, Race, and Media Representation of Chicago Neighborhoods” at the Urban Affairs Association Meeting in San Diego, CA (March 2016).

**Sean Young**, Phil Nyden and Teresa Neuman Presented “Scaling Up to Increase Community Voice: Report on Merger Evaluation of ONE Northside” at the Center for Urban Research and Learning.

After completing my first term as Director of Graduate Studies, I have come away deeply impressed with the intellectual capacities and commitments to social justice that our current students and alumni exhibit and with faculty investment in the graduate programs. **I’d like to thank Anne E. Figert, David G. Embrick, Judson Everitt, Ayana Karanja, Peter Rosenblatt, and Rhys H. Williams**, as well as graduate students **Will Burr, Bill Byrnes, Cameron Williams, Solly Chacko, Kevin Miller, Nathalia Hernández Vidal, Quintin Williams and Sean Young** for their contributions to the Graduate Program.

*Kelly Moore*



**Association of Graduate Sociologists** <http://www.luc.edu/sociology/gas.shtml>

The Association of Graduate Sociologists is the organization in charge of planning social and academic events for the graduate students in the Sociology Department.. Contact your G.A.S. representatives if you’re interested in joining us, or have an idea for an event!

Representatives: **William Burr** ([wburr@luc.edu](mailto:wburr@luc.edu)), **Soulit Chacko** ([schacko1@luc.edu](mailto:schacko1@luc.edu)), **Nathalia Vidal**, ([nhernandezvidal@luc.edu](mailto:nhernandezvidal@luc.edu)), **Kevin Miller** ([kmiller27@luc.edu](mailto:kmiller27@luc.edu))

*Please mark your calendars for:*

- Graduate student forum on Thursday, **April 7th** at 7pm in the "Lakeview Room" in the department (4th floor Coffey Hall). Bring your enthusiasm and suggestions for an evening of lively discussion and merriment!
- Works in Progress, Thursday, April 21st at 11:30pm in the Regis Multipurpose Room.

# Graduate Students Honored

On October 25, 2015, five of our graduate students were inducted into the Alpha Sigma Nu honor society. The society was founded in 1915 to honor a select number of students each year on the basis of scholarship, loyalty, and service. Alpha Sigma Nu is unique among honor societies in that it seeks to identify the most promising students in Jesuit schools. Inductees demonstrate an intelligent appreciation of and commitment to the ideals - intellectual, social, moral, and religious - of Jesuit higher education. Selection to Alpha Sigma Nu is one of the highest honors that can be given on a Jesuit campus.

All honorees are shown being congratulated by Dr. John Pelissero, Interim University President.



*William Byrnes*



*Catherine Gillis*



*Cameron Williams*



*Kyle Woolley*



*Sean Young*

# Department Event Photos

In November, we sponsored a presentation by Dr. Mary Erdmans. Dr. Erdmans gave a presentation about her award winning book, *On Becoming a Teen Mom: Life Before Pregnancy*. The book examines the lives of over 100 teenage mothers and looks at problems in their lives overlooked by pregnancy campaigns.



*Dr. Erdmans (third from left) talks with students.*



*Dr. Erdmans explains her research related to teenage motherhood.*

## Holiday Party



*Jonathan Neidorf, Dr. Elfreide Wedam, Tabinda Dar, Dr. Kathleen Maas-Weigert, Dr. Phil Nyden*



*Ashley Baber and William Drust*



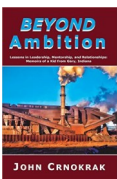
*Dr. Ayana Karanja and Cameron Williams*



*Dr. Rhys Williams, Dr. Marilyn Krogh, Sonia Ramierz, Amma Taylor*

# Alumni News

**George Buckun (1955)** was an Army intelligence officer from 1955-57, received his MD from Marquette in 1963, his MBA from Benedictine in 1987 and his JD from John Marshall Law School in 2005.



**John Crnokrak's (1962)** has published his third book, *Beyond Ambition: Lessons in Leadership, Mentorship, and Relationships: Memoirs of a Kid from Gary, Indiana*.

**Michael Schubert (1972)** is Principal at Community Development Strategies, a consulting firm focused on planning, implementing, and evaluating neighborhood revitalization interventions. He has recently written a publication for HUD called *Designing and Directing Neighborhood Change Interventions*, available on the HUD Choice Neighborhood website.

**Jim Wirth (PhD-1978)** works for the University of Missouri Extension as a Human Development Specialist giving workshops in areas of family, professional development, aging, childcare, and diversity.



**Michael Emerson (1988)** was named [Provost](#) of North Park University in Chicago.

**Tina Czerwinski Hinton (Mund-1992)** is co-chairing the [capital campaign](#) to raise \$2 million for a new library in New Lisbon, WI.

**Kerryann DiLoreto (1999)** co-authored an article with **Dr. Dana Garbarski**, "Factors Associated with Participation in the Collection of Saliva Samples by Mail in a Survey of Older Adults" is forthcoming in *Public Opinion Quarterly*.



**Kerryann** also was acknowledged with high praise during a presentation at University of Wisconsin-Madison by Dr. Matthew Desmond, Harvard University Associate Professor of Social Sciences and 2015 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship ("Genius Grant") winner, for her work directing the Milwaukee Area Renters Study (MARS). Data from this study informed Dr. Desmond's newest book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, which was recently reviewed in the *New York Times Book Review*.

**Stephanie Nawyn (MA-2002)** was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor in January 2015. She is on faculty in the Sociology Department at Michigan State University.

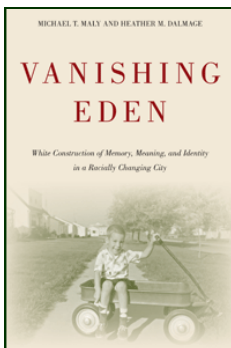
**Deborah Kapp (PhD-2002)** was promoted to full professor in September. She is now the Edward F and Phyllis K Campbell Professor of Urban Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary



**Daniela Lostumbo-Frelly (2006)** and **Ethan Frelly (2008)** had a beautiful baby boy (see photo), Enzo Antonio-Steven Frelly born 11/20/2015, 7.3 lbs and 21.5 inches.

Also, April 2015, **Ethan** received a prestigious honor from the city they reside in, Tigard, Oregon. He was named "[Tigard Chamber of Commerce Shinning Star](#)" the first award given of its kind, awarded to me for his efforts in starting a young professionals group in the community and in turn helping Tigard be named in the top 100 cities for people under 30. Ethan was also recently elected to be a voting member on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce and has successfully transitioned to a career in Real Estate where he has already tripled the average agent's sales in his area.

**Cezara Crisan (PhD-2007)** has been offered a tenure-track position at Purdue University Calumet.



**Mike Maly (PhD-1998)**, with co-author Heather Dalmage recently published a book titled *Vanishing Eden: White Construction of Memory, Meaning, and Identity in a Racially Changing City*. The book analyzes the experience and memories of whites who lived in Chicago neighborhoods experiencing racial change in the 1950's through the 1980's. They looked at how young people made sense of what was occurring and how the experience impacted their lives.

Mike is Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the Policy Research Collaborative at Roosevelt University Chicago.

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**Omar Aquino (2009)** won the March primary for the Illinois Senate, 2nd district. [Omar](#) will be running in the general election in November.

**Jodie Dewey (PhD-2010)** is Associate Professor of Sociology and Coordinator of the Criminal Justice program at Concordia University Chicago.



**Diana Guelespe (PhD-2013)** is in a research position at Georgetown -- Director of Research and Evaluation for the Program on Justice and Peace, at the Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching, and Service. She is continuing her research project on driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. Diana's research was highlighted in a [recent story on WAMU](#) -- American

University's NPR station in Wash DC, and also on Univision.

**Kristin Walker (2013)** has been accepted into the MSW program at the University of Texas.

**Paola Carrera (2014)** has been accepted into the Masters of Higher Education programs at NYU, Loyola Chicago, and Syracuse Universities. Paola is planning on enrolling in one of these programs in the Fall 2016 term.

**Sarah Frank (2014)**, will be a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Wisconsin Madison's Sociology of Sex & Gender Program. Sarah also received the Illinois Sociological Association student paper award for upper division undergraduates. The paper was submitted last Spring.

## Alumni Outreach

Send all news to:  
Stephanie DeCaluwe at  
[Sociology@luc.edu](mailto:Sociology@luc.edu)

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## Alumni Panel



Sloane Katleman, Taylor Tefft, Julissa Cruz, Kerryann DiLoreto

*In November, four alums returned to campus to speak to Sociology undergraduates about their career paths and how they use their Sociology major in their work.*

*Kerryann DiLoreto, Senior Project Director, University of Wisconsin Survey Center  
Julissa Cruz, Senior Research Associate, City Colleges of Chicago  
Sloane Katleman, Major Gifts Intern, Amnesty International  
Taylor Tefft, Community Organizer*



# LUC Sociology Student Research Symposium

The Sociology Department Annual **Research Symposium**.  
The conference will take place on **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and will feature  
graduate and undergraduate work.

IES 123/124  
Begins at 9:00 am

*Lunch will be provided*

Contact Judson Everitt ([jeveritt@luc.edu](mailto:jeveritt@luc.edu)) for more information

## *other important dates*

Tues, Apr 12	<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
Apr 14—17	<b>Loyola Weekend of Excellence</b>		
Sat, Apr 30	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference</b>	DePaul University	8:45 - 6:30
Wed., May 4	<b>Honors Reception</b>	McCormick Lounge	3:00—5:00
Tues., May 10	<b>Graduate School Commencement</b>	Gentile Arena	3:00 pm
Fri., May 13	<b>CAS, Undergrad Arts Commencement</b>	Gentile Arena	9:30 am
June 10—12	<b>Alumni Weekend</b>		