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**Department of Sociology**

**Fall 2017**

Hello Sociologists,

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our fall 2017 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. Meet our newest faculty member. Discover what our students and faculty have been up to since this past spring and summer.

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



Greetings from the 4th floor of Coffey Hall. The 2017-2018 academic year is well underway and it is already midterm time.

In the Department, there were a few personnel changes.

Cristian Paredes joined us this year as an Assistant Professor. He recently earned his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin and his areas of expertise are in race and ethnicity, immigration, Latin American and cultural sociology.

Elise Martel Cohen is now in the department on a multi-year lecturer position. She has a Ph.D. from University of Illinois at Chicago and her areas of expertise are in work and occupations, economic sociology, the sociology of religion, identity, race, ethnicity and gender with a special emphasis on minorities in Turkey. We did say goodbye to Kathleen Dunn who taught in the department for 4 years. Kathleen recently began a new position in California.

In academic news, our faculty and students have

been very busy. Our department was well represented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association and related associations (Society for the Study of Social Problems, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Sociologists for Women in Society, Study for the Symbolic Interactionism in Society) held in Montreal in mid-August.

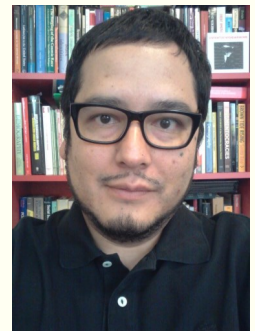
With the help of the web and social media we are trying to communicate better with you. Find out more news and information about the department at our web site: <https://www.luc.edu/sociology/index.shtml> or “Like” us at our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LUCsociology>. The Facebook page is being used to communicate interesting articles related to Sociology and Loyola and to announce books, articles and prizes by faculty and students. This newsletter is another way to communicate. 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*

### *Our newest faculty member. . . Welcome!*

#### **Cristian Paredes**

Cristian L. Paredes received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Texas at Austin. His research agenda reflects a broad interest in ethnic and racial issues, immigration, and culture in Latin America and the U.S. In recent studies, Cristian proposes a multidimensional approach that connects the meaning of *mestizaje* as ethno-racial mixture –its everyday meaning in Spanish– with the U.S. sociological literature on multidimensionality of race for the analysis of ethnic and racial issues in Latin America. In addition, Cristian uses sociocultural perspectives for the analysis of immigration issues in U.S. metropolitan areas. In recent studies, he examines the consumption of out-of-home highbrow leisure by ethnicity and national origin, and the impact of multicultural environments on tolerance toward immigrants in Houston, Texas. Cristian believes that the production and dissemination of knowledge is a necessary task in the pursuit of social justice. Knowledge can empower disadvantaged people and can make privileged people more compassionate.

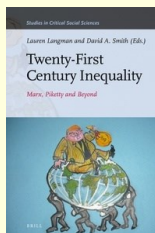


# Faculty *Kudos and Announcements*

**Dana Garbarski** and her colleagues published “How Respondents Report Their Health Status: Cognitive Interviews of Self-Rated Health Across Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Educational Attainment” in *BMC Public Health*.

**Dana Garbarski**, undergrad alumna **Kerryann DiLoreto**, and their colleagues published “Factors Associated with Participation in the Collection of Saliva Samples by Mail in a Survey of Older Adults” in *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

**Dana Garbarski** presented a series of studies with colleagues on "Examining the Validity of Interviewers' Ratings of Respondents' Health" at the annual meetings for the Population Association of America (April 2017), American Association for Public Opinion Research (May 2017), American Sociological Association (August 2017), and at the Understanding Society Scientific Conference at the University of Essex (July 2017). **Dana Garbarski** was a co-author on other presentations at each of these annual meetings as well.



**Lauren Langman** co-edited the book, *Piketty, Inequality and 21st Century Capitalism* (Brill, 2017). Most of the book chapters critique Piketty from the perspective of critical theory, global political economy or public sociology, drawing on the work of Karl Marx or the Marxist tradition.

**Lauren Langman** participated in Open University of the Left, a program hosted by the Lincoln Park Library.

Dr. Langman discussed his book *God, Guns, Gold & Glory* (Brill, 2016) and was mentioned by the Chicago Reader in an article they wrote about the program.

**Kathleen Maas Weigert** has been invited to join the Justice Education Committee for the Archdiocesan Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity.

**Kathleen Maas Weigert** moderated a panel in honor of Catholic Charities 100th Anniversary. The panel included community leaders from healthcare, education, and criminal justice sectors who spoke on how we can work together to build more peaceful communities.

**Peter Rosenblatt** gave the opening plenary at the Wisconsin Home for Everyone conference, a two-day meeting for policy practitioners and fair housing advocates. The talk, entitled “Take a Chance on Me: The Use of Security Deposit Assistance among Low-Income Residents in Milwaukee” was based on research he and Loyola graduate student Jennifer Cossyleon did in Milwaukee, examining the challenges Housing Choice Voucher users faced in trying to use a new incentive program.

**Peter Rosenblatt**, in conjunction with the Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL), received a \$12,000 planning grant from a local Chicago non-profit, Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI) to design a housing mobility demonstration in Chicago and Cook County. The primary aim of the demonstration is to test whether the combination

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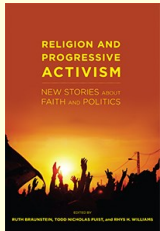
## *Dr. Kelly Moore Honored by Graduate School*



**Dr. Kelly Moore** (right, shown with Dr. Patricia Mooney-Melvin) was honored as the Graduate Faculty Member of the Year "in recognition of outstanding service, teaching and scholarship".

# Faculty Kudos and Announcements

of housing vouchers, search assistance, and two-generation social services will enable families to move to and stay in low-poverty, non-segregated neighborhoods with high quality schools, and to see whether this helps children improve their educational trajectories.



**Rhys Williams** co-edited a book published, *Religion and Progressive Activism: New Stories about Faith and Politics*, with **Todd Nicholas Fuist (SocI PhD Alum)** and Ruth Braunstein (New York University Press, 2017). Along with editorial credit, Williams authored or co-authored three chapters.

**Rhys Williams** made a presentation in the August ASA meetings in Montreal, at a session sponsored jointly by the American Sociological Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion. His paper was titled, "Civil Religion and the Crisis in American National Identity."

**Rhys Williams** was elected to the Council of the American Sociological Association.

## *Lauren Langman Receives Lifetime Achievement Award*



**Lauren Langman** was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Sociological Association (ASA) section on Marxist Sociology. He was recognized for his distinguished career achievement in Marxist sociology.

## *Social Movements in the U.S.: Lessons Learned*

*Drs. Rhys Williams and Matthew Williams participated in a panel discussion*



Dr. Rhys Williams (second from left) and Dr. Matthew Williams (second from right) participate in the panel

During the panel *Social Movements in the U.S.: Lessons Learned*, held April 6, **Drs. Rhys Williams and Matthew Williams** joined two other Loyola faculty members as they looked back to U.S. and international history to offer up a few key points. Topics included the role of allies in organized movements, the positive and negative benefits of today's technology, and past mistakes we can learn from today.

"One mistake that social movements have sometimes made is not having a clearly defined goal", said **Rhys Williams**. He also stated that "one of the things I learned early in my career teaching sociology is you can respond to every single question with, 'it depends. I'm going to take the opportunity here to say: When it comes to mistakes, it kind of depends on what was hoped to gain in the first place.'" He went on to say "That goal could be educating people on an issue or getting a specific outcome or change made.

**Matthew Williams** considered it a matter of perspective: While some people may see activism a major part of their life and community, many want to return to their normal day-to-day lives after a small win. "So there is a question of how do you keep people engaged over the long run?" he added. "I think part of that is having a strong inclusive, inviting culture in a social movement—not just as diverse and democratic—but where is the real sense of community?"

# CURL Center for Urban Research & Learning

## *David Van Zytveld Named Director of CURL*



**David Van Zytveld (Soci MA-1998)** has been named the new Director of CURL (Center for Urban Research & Learning). David has been with CURL since it founding in 1996.

He has had several positions at CURL over the years, including being Interim Director for the last 14 months.

## *Phil Nyden Retirement Party*

Dr. Phil Nyden's retirement party was held at Piper Hall. The attendees included current and former students, colleagues and community members. They came to honor Dr. Nyden for his 37 years of service to Loyola and 20 years as director of CURL (Center for Urban Research & Learning).



Phil Nyden reflects on his years at Loyola.



Current & former LUC PhD students, Kimberlee Guenther, Mary Rojek, Sean Young, Greg Hamill



Panel discussion—"Now, More than Ever: University-Community Collaborative Research for Positive Change"



Dr. Anne Figert, Ruth Diab Lederer, David Van Zytveld, Jenna Nargang Chernega (Soci PhD 2007)

# Graduate Report

**From Dr. Marilyn Krogh, Graduate Program Director**

Hello,

As the new Graduate Program Director, I'm grateful to Kelly Moore, the previous GPD, for all her work to strengthen and enrich our program, to support our students, and to assist me. I hope to live up to the excellent precedent she has set!

We have an exceptionally able and active group of graduate students this year who have taken the initiative to plan events for the department, to mentor new students, to revive the undergraduate Sociology Club, and to help each other in their scholarship, teaching, and community engagement. They are creating a lively and warm intellectual community here.

Some of the events and news of the graduate program is summarized below, but this is a dynamic place, and many relevant announcements are communicated through the weekly email from the department and the weekly email from the Graduate School. Those of you who are current students, please be sure to regularly read those emails to keep up-to-date with opportunities available to you.

Alumni, we're so glad that you keep in contact with us. Please do send us your news, visit us on campus, and send prospective students our way. If you are open to coming to campus to participate in a panel presentation about your profession, or to allow a current student to "shadow" you at work for a day, please let me know.

If you're interested in joining our BA/MA, MA or PhD programs, contact me at [mkrogh@luc.edu](mailto:mkrogh@luc.edu)

*Marilyn Krogh*



## Graduate Students

### NEW STUDENTS

This fall, we welcome **Alexander Baker and Silvia Valadez to the BA/MA program, Jinjin Du, Jessica Ordinario, Christina Nichole Ortiz, Monica Reyna, and Colleen Tolan to the MA Program.** And we welcome **Skky Martin, Julia Ferreira Mendes, John Sienkiewicz, Leslie Watland, and Ryan Wong to the PhD program**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS ♦ PUBLICATIONS ♦ AWARDS

**Jennifer Cossyleon** has a forthcoming publication "“Coming Out of My Shell.” Motherleaders Contesting Fear, Vulnerability and Despair through Family Focused Community Organizing.” *Soctus: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*.

**Jennifer Cossyleon** has a forthcoming publication co-authored with John Orwatt, Christine George, Don Stemen, Whitney Key. “Deferring Felony Prosecution: A Process Evaluation of an Innovative Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office Program.” *Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice* 3(4).

# Graduate Students

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS ♦ PUBLICATIONS ♦ AWARDS

**Jennifer Cossyleon** has a forthcoming publication "Community Policing" in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, edited by Anthony M. Orum. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell .

**Jennifer Cossyleon** presented "'Coming Out of My Shell': Contesting Fear, Vulnerability, and Despair through Family-focused Community Organizing." American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.

**Jennifer Cossyleon** presented "'Coming Together Like Normal Americans': Building Kingdom' and Power through Faithbased Community Organizing." at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada.

**Bill Drust** was awarded **Best Qualitative Paper**, Graduate Student Research Symposium for his paper, "Scrubbing In: Using Surgeons' Embodied Experiences to Market Robotic Surgery"

**Nathalia Vidal Hernandez** co-presented a paper in the Latin-American congress of Anthropology, which took place in Bogotá, in June. The title of the paper was: Resistencia (s) epistémico-políticas frente a la privatización de semillas y de los saberes colectivos en Colombia.

**Nathalia Vidal Hernandez** presented a paper with Dr. Kelly Moore at the 4S conference in Boston at the end of August, called "DeColonizing DNA: Race, Seeds and Intellectual Property Regimes in Colombia".

**Nathalia Vidal Hernandez** presented her dissertation research as a fellow in the ESOCITE 2017 Doctoral School in Bogotá.

**Nathalia** and **Quintin Williams** (with Assistant Professor **Judson Everitt**) have an article, "When Not Every Student Succeeds: The Role of Experience and Institutional Environment in Teachers' Accounts of Student Success

and Failure sent out for review in *Sociology of Education*.

**Steve Tuttle** has a forthcoming encyclopedia entry: "Spatial Mismatch" in *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

Steve Tuttle presented a paper at Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec titled "The Social Production of Racialized Space."

**Steve Tuttle** presented a paper at the Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL titled "Locating the Extra-Local: A Comparative Case Study of Commercial Gentrification in Two Chicago Neighborhoods".

**Steve Tuttle** presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis, MN titled "Towards a Theory of Despatialization: A Comparative Case Study of Commercial Gentrification in Two Chicago Neighborhoods".

**Quintin Williams** has an article, "Captive to the Clinic: Phase I Clinical Trials as Temporal Total Institutions" under review at *Sociological Inquiry*.

**Quintin Williams** (co-authored with LUC Sociology alum **Cesraéa Rumpf**) has an article, "Redemption and Rehabilitation on the Outside: The Burden of Post-Incarceration Life" under review at *Qualitative Sociology*.

**Quintin Williams** facilitated a [national webinar](#) titled "Putting People at the Center: The role of lived experience in policy making" Featuring Glenn Martin from JustLeadership, Michele Rodriguez from the National Employment Law project, and Marlon Chamberlain from the RROCI Coalition.

**Quintin Williams** was featured on a panel titled "Life After Incarceration" at Concordia University Chicago.



Over the summer and into the fall **Quintin Williams** took part in the design and implementation of a city wide anti violence initiative READI (Rapid Employment Development Initiative) Chicago in his role as workforce research and policy fellow with Heartland's National Initiatives team

# Graduate Students Honors Reception Awards

## **DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR AWARD:**

*Jennifer Cossyleon and Cameron Williams*

## **WITTNER-WHALLEY AWARD for Outstanding Graduate Scholarship:**

*Beth Dougherty*, for “Organizing the Affective: Ritual Coordinators and Sensory Success”

## **WITTNER-WHALLEY HONORABLE MENTION:**

*Anna Wilcoxson*, “The Art of Resistance: Participation in the Slipstream and Acts of Resistance in a Culinary Re-Entry Program “

## **OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD for Service to the Department:**

*Cameron Williams and Quintin Williams*

## **ROBERT MCNAMARA AWARD for best paper, thesis, or dissertation in the Sociology of Religion :**

*Fatema Zohara*, “The Construction of Ethnic Identity Among South Asian Muslims in the United States”

## **ROBERT MCNAMARA HONORABLE MENTION:**

*Serhan Tanriverdi*, “The New Voices of Islam: American Muslim Intellectuals”

## **RICHARD L. BLOCK PRIZE for the Best Paper in Urban Sociology or Public Policy:**

*Tabi Dar*, “Pilsen: A Neighborhood at the Frontier of Gentrification”

*Steven Tuttle*, “Toward a Theory of the Racialization of Space”



*Jennifer Cossyleon, Kelly Moore,  
Cameron Williams*



*Beth Dougherty and Judith Wittner*



*Kelly Moore and Anna Wilcoxson*



*Cameron Williams, Kelly Moore,  
Quintin Williams*

# Graduate Students Honors Reception Awards



Kelly Moore & Fatema Zohara



Steven Tuttle, Kelly Moore,  
Tabi Dar



Kelly Moore & Serhan Tanriverdi

## Cameron Williams Receives Samuel A. Attoh Diversity and Inclusion Award Graduate School Student Teacher of the Year Award

**Cameron Williams, PhD student** is the recipient of the inaugural *Samuel A. Attoh Diversity and Inclusion Award*. Cameron researches how public housing residents resist and react to the rapidly spreading practice of depopulating public housing. He has worked extensively with Lathrop Homes, which is part of the CHA.

**Cameron** also won the *2017 Graduate School of Loyola University's Graduate Student Teaching Award*. Cameron was selected because of his commitment to ensuring that students from all backgrounds feel comfortable in the classroom, and also for using a variety of approaches and techniques to help students learn and understand how to apply what they have been exposed to in class.

**Quintin Williams** received an Honorable Mention for the Samuel Attoh Diversity and Inclusion Award.

*Samuel A. Attoh was Dean of the Graduate School and tenured member of the Department of Sociology from 2005-2015. He believed that increasing the recruitment of underrepresented students and faculty, advocating for and supporting the interests of all students.*



## Jennifer Cossyleon Receives American Sociological Society Best Paper Award Research Grant

**Jennifer Cossyleon, PhD student** received the 2017 Student Forum Best Paper Award at the American Sociological Society Annual Meeting for "Coming Out of My Shell:" Contesting Fear, Vulnerability, and Despair through Family-Focused Community Organizing,"

**Jennifer** was awarded a \$2500 research grant from the Midwest Sociological Association.

# Graduate Students

## EVENTS

### Brown Bag Series on Department Research

Wednesdays, 11:00AM-12:00PM

Coffey 425

*Additional presenters/dates will be announced in the near future.*

October 25	Cristian Paredes
November 29	Helena Dagadu
January 24	Beth Dougherty
February 21	Cameron Williams
March 14	Judson Everitt
April 11	Peter Rosenblatt



*Students will be the opportunity to hear a member of the department discuss their current research*

### Other Upcoming Events

**Thursday February 1 at 3:00 Sociology Department Three Minute Thesis Competition.** The winner represents the department in the university wide competition on Thursday February 15 @ 4:00, and the winner for that competition will be invited to the Midwest regional competition.

This competition began at the University of Queensland in Australia (in 2008) as a way to “cultivate students’ academic, presentation, and research communication skills . . . (by) explaining their research in three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.” Universities across the world are now participating in this unique event.

**Saturday March 17 The University of Chicago hosts the 20<sup>th</sup> [Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference](#).**

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



#### Graduate Student Association

<http://www.luc.edu/sociology/gas.shtml>

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](mailto:socgsa@luc.edu)) if you’re interested in joining us, or have an idea for an event!

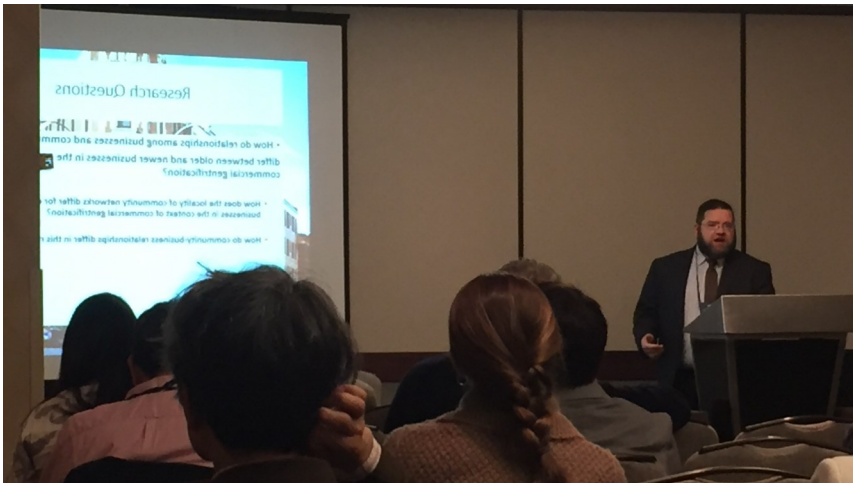
# Graduate Students PHOTOS



*Graduating MA Students celebrate their graduation with faculty*



*Dr. Anne Figert & Kevin Miller*



*Steve Tuttle presenting at the UAA Conference*



*Quintin Williams with Congressman Bobby Rush at the Homeboy Industries Conference in Los Angeles*



*Alex Baker, MA Student and member of the LUC Cross Country Team*

# UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

From *Dr. Judson Everitt, Undergraduate Program Director*



Greetings for fall 2017! The beginning weeks of the semester have been beautiful thus far, a nice welcome to the abundant

numbers of new faces we have on campus. We have a growing number of new faces within sociology also, as our number of students minoring in sociology has increased significantly from just a year ago. Indeed, course enrollments, as well as our numbers of majors and minors, are strong.

A key event of the fall semester for our undergraduate program will be our Sociology Alumni Panel Discussion comprised of recent graduates from Loyola who were sociology majors. Collectively, they will be discussing their career trajectories post-graduation and offer first-hand

accounts of the range of potential pathways one can follow. More details about this important event will be forthcoming (see the Sakai project site for majors and minors), but the date, time, and location are set: 12:00pm Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in McCormick Lounge of Coffey Hall. Don't miss it!

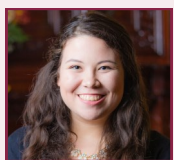
Registration for spring courses will begin on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. I will be making visits to a number of our current courses to make announcements concerning spring course offerings in our department and answer any questions people may have about planning. In addition, we will be having a day of an "Advising Open House" on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Between 9-11am faculty will be at a table in Damen Student Center, and then you can find us in Coffey Hall 425 later in the day, time TBA. 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 Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.

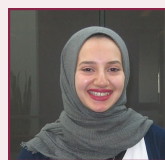
I would also like to advise those of you early in the process of fulfilling your sociology major requirements to take a close look at our other 100-level courses, our "second tier core" courses. These courses count towards the major, are usually smaller in size than 101 sections, go more in-depth on 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), religion (SOCL 145), sex and gender (SOCL 171). Moreover, each of these classes equip students with a broad basis on substantive topics you are likely to engage in subsequent elective courses.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about undergraduate program in sociology, and best wishes for an engaging and productive fall semester!

## Undergraduate *Kudos and Announcements*



**Seraphina Meacham** (SANT), sophomore from Vancouver, WA is a Gannon Scholar. [Read more](#) about Seraphina.



**Yasmeen Khayr** (SANT) Cur l Fellow. [Read more](#) about Yasmeen.

**Alex Leon** (SANT) received the *The Elba and Celina Almos Scholar Award* for ACE scholars at the Weekend of Excellence.

**Cristina Rodriguez** (SANT) received the *The St. Peter Faber, SJ Scholar Award* for ACE scholars at the Weekend of Excellence.

**Adam Roberts** (Socl) and **Cristina Rodriguez** (SANT) received the Damen Award at the Weekend of Excellence.

**Addison Mauck, Mitchell Strzepak, Shayna Vaughn** were all initiated into the Maroon & Gold Society. The Society recognizes rising seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to *leadership, academic excellence and service to others*.

**Natasha Slavin** received the Social Justice Research Fellowship for the current academic year. Natasha's project is titled "Online Sugar Babies & the Question of Agency". She is mentored by Dr. Elise Martel Cohen.

# Honors Reception, May 3, 2017

Undergraduate and graduate students, many with family members, along with faculty and staff, celebrated the end of the academic year at our annual Awards Ceremony and Reception, May 4th. We had 36 graduating Sociology majors, and 12 Sociology/Anthropology majors.



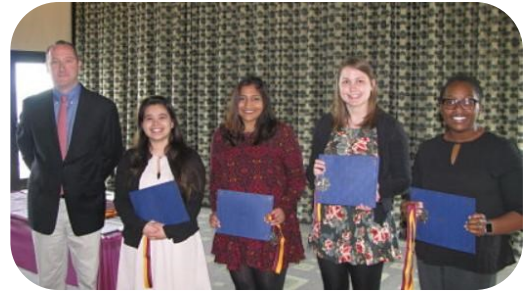
This year twelve new members were inducted into **Alpha Kappa Delta**, the international sociology honor society. *Membership is open to students who are at least juniors, have an overall GPA of 3.4, a 3.6 GPA in Sociology, and have completed five or more Sociology courses.* Ten graduating seniors were presented with their AKD honors cords, which were worn proudly at graduation ceremonies in May.



*2017 AKD Members*

**Departmental honors**, available to students who achieve a 3.4 grade point average overall and in their major **and: either** write a satisfactory Honor's Thesis under the supervision of a faculty member in Sociology 365 **or** take two graduate courses in the Sociology program (as electives toward their undergraduate major) and receive a grade of B or better were bestowed upon:

- ◆ **Reeti Goyal**
- ◆ **Laura Hillebrand**
- ◆ **Arissa Koines**
- ◆ **Margaret Meagher**
- ◆ **Catherine Montgomery**



*Students graduating "With Distinction in Sociology"*

**THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS RECEIVED SPECIAL HONORS AT THE RECEPTION (PICTURED WITH JUDSON EVERITT):**

**GALLAGHER AWARD for Outstanding Sociology Senior** **Evelyn Chavez & Reeti Goyal**

**DURKHEIM AWARD for Outstanding Sociology/Anthropology Senior** **Margaret Meagher (not pictured)**

**ROSS P. SCHERER AWARD for Outstanding Sociology Junior** **Brock Johnson**

**JUDITH WITTNER AWARD for Social Justice in Action** **Elizabeth (Liz) Bajjalieh**



*Judson Everitt, Evelyn Chavez, Reeti Goyal*



*Judson Everitt & Brock Johnson*



*Judith Wittner & Elizabeth (Liz) Bajjalieh*

# Undergraduate Opportunities

## Opportunities & Application Deadlines:

- Oct 31**      **Sociology Advising Open House, Damen Student Center, 9:30AM-11:00AM**
- Nov 1**      **Center for Urban Research & Learning (CURL) Fellowships for spring semester**  
**November 1<sup>st</sup> LUROP date, however students are encouraged to apply anytime**  
[http://www.luc.edu/curl/fellowship\\_applications.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/curl/fellowship_applications.shtml)
- Nov 5**      Loyola's **Alternative Break Immersion (ABI)** trips during spring break and in May.  
<http://www.luc.edu/campusministry/abi/>
- Feb 15**      **American Sociological Association (ASA) Honors Program** funding to attend annual meeting  
(Requires faculty letter of nomination).  
<http://www.asanet.org/students/honors.cfm>
- March 1**      **Fellowships through Loyola Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (LUROP)**
- ◆ **CURL** - Take a leadership role in an engaged research project in the fall semester  
[http://www.luc.edu/curl/undergraduate\\_fellows.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/curl/undergraduate_fellows.shtml)
  - ◆ **McNair**– Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program  
<http://luc.edu/mcnair/apply/applicationprocess/>
  - ◆ **Provost** - Pursue a research project in collaboration with a faculty mentor  
<http://www.luc.edu/lurop/provostfellowship/>
  - ◆ **Research Mentoring** - Be a summer assistant to a Ph.D. student  
<http://www.luc.edu/lurop/fellowships.shtml>
  - ◆ **Social Justice** - Faculty mentored research connected to social justice  
<https://www.luc.edu/lurop/socialjusticeresearchfellowship/>
- April 19-22**   **Loyola Weekend of Excellence**
- May 2**      **Sociology Honors Reception**
- May 19**      **Fellowship Incentive Grants (FIG)** Prepare applications for competitive national fellowships  
<https://www.luc.edu/fellowshipoffice/newgrants.shtml>

## Undergraduate Publishing & Paper Competitions

- Jan 8**      ***Righting Wrongs***, from Webster University (international human rights)  
<http://blogs.webster.edu/humanrights/>
- Jan 10**      ***Midwest Sociological Society*** undergraduate paper and poster competition  
<http://www.themss.org/call-for-submissions>
- Jan 31 &**      ***The Journal for Undergraduate Ethnography***, from Brown University  
**July 31**      <http://undergraduateethnography.org/>
- 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/>

# Alumni News

**Jessica M. Barron (MA-2010)** received the Association for the Sociology of Religion's 2017 Distinguished Article Award for her article, "Managed Diversity: Race, Place, and an Urban Church" (*Sociology of Religion* 77:18-36).

This article was based on a project that started as Jessica's MA thesis in our department.

**Phillip Stevenson (2011)** has a new position as Domestic Security and Immigration Section Research Manager, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service. Phillip has been in Washington DC since February 2015 when he took a job with Pew Charitable Trusts.

**Nathan Bruemmer (2013)** just started in the Urban Planning Program at UIC.

**Todd Fuist (PhD-2013)** is an Assistant Professor at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois.

**Gwendolyn Purifoye (PhD-2014)** is an Assistant Professor at North Park University in Chicago.

**Kasey Henricks (PhD-2016)** is an Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

**Courtney Irby (PhD-2016)** is an Assistant Professor at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois.

**Laura Hillebrand (2017)** is doing a

year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) Northwest. See Laura (second from left in the photo below).

## *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. For other alumni questions, please contact **LUC-alum@luc.edu**.

## Cook County's Social Worker for the Dead

### Helping the Unclaimed Find Final Resting Places



**Rebeca Perrone (2009)** works as Cook County's Indigent Coordinator. Hired in 2015, she is the first person to hold this position, which was created after a scandal in the morgue was exposed.

Rebeca's job is to identify unclaimed bodies of people who pass away in Cook County, including children and babies. She provides for a dignified burial for these individuals and investigates whether there are family or friends to whom the remains should be given.

[Read](#) the Chicago Tribune article profiling Rebeca.

## Milton Doyle Drafted by the Brooklyn Nets

Milton Doyle (2017) signed a contract with the Brooklyn Nets in August playing for the team at the NBA Summer League. Milton is one of the most decorated Loyola basketball players ever.



# Alumni News

## Conversations in Black & White

By Carolyn D Dallas, BA 1975

Irvin L Dallas BBA, 1975

*Carolyn Dallas graduated from Loyola in 1973, with a BA degree, in Sociology. Her husband graduated in 1973 with a degree in Business. They lived in Boston, D.C. and recently moved to Richmond VA. They are leaders in their local community and church that involves working towards racial harmony and reconciliation, which the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia has asked churches to focus on. Below is an article about their work. Carolyn stated that “over the years I have discovered that my education at Loyola had a profound affect upon me especially regarding social justice and what God has called us to do in life, I have devoted close to thirty years of working with low income neighborhoods as an Executive Director providing all types of services to families and children, I consider myself a strong advocate for children and families.”*



Conversations in Black and White began in the summer of 2015 at St John’s Episcopal Church in Richmond Virginia. It grew out of a conversation between myself (Carolyn) and a white parishioner about a racial incident in South Carolina at our weekly prayer group. I was lamenting to her about “if only we could begin a conversation about these difficult issues that we could understand each other’s perspective much better”. From that conversation, a meeting with the Rector and a planning committee that included Irvin was formed. The goal was to have monthly pot luck suppers with a discussion around a theme, which could be an article

from the newspaper, a particular book, or articles from authors in the field discussing a particular subject as it relates to race. From each presentation, questions are developed and each person gets to share their thoughts. It is an opportunity for everyone especially blacks and whites, to have meaningful conversations about difficult subject matters regarding race, to express feelings, and to gain a better understanding and perspective by listening to different experiences. It is trying to learn who we are, as it relates to race, how we operate and why we operate as we do. It is learning how to live in harmony with each other and respectful of each other’s life and experiences. It is the seeing God in a person of another race, understanding who they are, how they have come to exist and how they operate within God’s community. The program provides a safe environment and a safe space to talk. It encourages participants to live in harmony with each other and to be respectful of each other’s life and experiences. Our baptismal vows form the backbone of Conversations in Black & White. During Baptism, we pledge to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being as well as loving others as God loved us. All of this we pledge to do with God’s help. It is whites looking at blacks and forever wondering if blacks were afforded those same privileges such as access to the GI Bill as whites were afforded, how would that have benefitted black lives and economic status in the community and in the world today. It is whites understanding why blacks always insist upon a receipt when purchasing items in a store, or blacks being followed in a store and what this does to our sense of self-worth. It is the need for blacks to continue to share our stories no matter how painful or embarrassing as it helps us become stronger. It is blacks learning that whites are capable of understanding our story and experiences, can understand our anger and frustration and can acknowledge that these real experiences have affected our lives sometimes in a negative manner. It is when both races can share these experiences and know that they will forever be changed as to how they see each other and the world. Sometimes it is very difficult to step outside the box and put ourselves in someone else’s shoes. Once understood and accepted, the challenge is what can I do as a person of faith to understand, promote change and make an impact!

## Department Photos

### Undergraduate Graduation



### Celebrating St. Ignatius



Dr. Helena Dagadu volunteered at Misericordia for the Ignatian Day of Service



Dr. Cristian Paredes meets LU Wolf at the St. Ignatius Day picnic

## *Upcoming Department Sponsored Events*

### **SOCIOLOGY ALUMNI PANEL**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 IES 124 . 12:00PM TO 1:30PM

**FOUR LOYOLA SOCIOLOGY ALUMS WILL SPEAK ABOUT THEIR CAREERS AND THEIR PATHS IN GETTING THERE:**

- \* **KERRYANN DILORETO, SENIOR PROJECT DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SURVEY CENTER (UWSC)**
- \* **OMAR SALIM, MANAGER OF FINANCIAL CONSULTING AT NORTHWESTERN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE**
- \* **TAYLOR TEFFT, UNION ORGANIZER FOR SEIU HEALTHCARE**



## **Rae Lesser Blumberg**

**William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology**  
University of Virginia

**The “Created Biology of Gender Stratification” from Hunter-Gatherers to Low Education White Men in Today’s U.S.**

Thursday October 26, 1:00 to 2:15-IES 123/124



### **Sociology Club presents HorrorFest 2017**

**Afternoon viewing of Jordan Peele’s Get Out.**  
**Pizza and sociological conversation post movie viewing!**  
**Wednesday October 25th. 4:00pm—7:00pm. Cuneo 116**  
**Please RSVP—[ababer@luc.edu](mailto:ababer@luc.edu)**

## *other important dates*

Wed., Oct 25	<b>Sociology Club Horrorfest 2017</b>	Cuneo 116	4:00 - 7:00
Thurs., Oct 26	<b>Rae Lesser Blumberg</b>	IES 123/124	1:00 - 2:15
Mon., Oct 30	<b>Undergraduate Advising Open House</b>	Damen Student Ctr	9:30 - 11:30
Mon., Oct 30	<b>Alumni Panel</b>	IES 123/124	12:00 - 1:30
Fri., Dec. 8	<b>Department Holiday Party</b>	McCormick Lounge	4:00 – 6:00
Wed, Dec 13	<b>Dean’s Holiday Party</b> (faculty, staff)	Palm Court	4:00 - 6:30