Graduate School Outreach Services (GSOS) is now 3 years old and we thank you all for your continued support! Through the outpouring of generosity shown by Loyola University Chicago Faculty, Staff, Students, and Alum, we have not only been able to help meet the needs of the families in Rogers Park, Edgewater, and Uptown, we have also extended our reach to North Lawndale in West Chicago and to Englewood in South Chicago. We were able to lend a helping hand to over 2,950 families and contribute over 3,100 community service learning hours. By sharing our time, talents, and other resources, we have made and will continue to make a great impact in this community and abroad. Our efforts mirror Loyola University Chicago’s long-term commitment to excellence by engaging, serving, and learning.

In Fall 2014, we partnered with ‘You Can Make It’ (YCMI). This facility is a homeless shelter located in Englewood on the Southside of Chicago. We were able to meet their needs by supplying: toiletries, laundry items, clothing, baby wipes, diapers (babies), and cleaning supplies. YCMI was overjoyed to receive these items.

Also in the Fall of 2014, GSOS joined forces with the students of Loyola Gospel Choir (an undergraduate student organization) and others that assisted in the collecting, packing and delivering of 24 large boxes full of women and children’s clothing, shoes and winter coats for the residents of The House of the Good Shepherd.

In Spring 2015, GSOS and the Loyola Gospel choir joined forces again to extend a hand to Corner Stone Outreach Shelter in Uptown by donating 19 boxes of clothing, toiletries, cleaning supplies and board games for their residence. The choir also sang and taught the children a song.

Also in the Spring of 2015, GSOS arranged for 15 staff members and student volunteers to paint, read to patients, walk with patients and sing for their Women’s Awareness Month’s Luncheon at Mt. Sinai Hospital on Chicago’s Westside.

During the Summer of 2015, 7 boxes and bins full of Arts & Crafts supplies were donated to the House of the Good Shepherd for their upcoming Arts & Crafts Fair.

This fall, we hit the ground running. GSOS currently has two outreach projects. First, we have united with The James R. Jordan Foundation in a Project called Chicago Gives Back! The James R. Jordan Foundation (JRJF) provides numerous services and activities for the youth in Chicago as a means to keep them off the streets and help the families make ends meet. JRJF believes that stronger families and involved communities are key to the future of our children. We are assisting them in the collection of winter coats (sizes 2T to 16), hat, gloves, scarfs, warm socks and gift cards for grocery stores. Collections are currently underway and will end November 11, 2015.

Also this fall, GSOS is collecting women’s clothing, toiletries and laundry items for Olive Branch Mission.

Olive Branch Mission is the oldest Rescue mission in the City of Chicago, and has been in operation since 1867. Its focus is on human development, providing opportunity for recovery, restoration, reinstatement and re-entry of a productive life.
GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (GSAC)

Stephanie Romeo, GSAC President
Ph.D. Candidate, School of Psychology

Welcome back, graduate students! The Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) is looking forward to a great year. GSAC has already been hard-at-work planning for this year.

As the representative voice of graduate students, GSAC meets monthly to discuss graduate student issues and concerns as well as plan upcoming events for graduate students. GSAC represents all graduate students in Graduate School programs throughout the Lake Shore, Water Tower, and Health Sciences campuses. GSAC is comprised of at least one representative per department and an Executive Board. All members work together to best serve students.

GSAC finished last year off strong by hosting several events. First, GSAC partnered with Alliance for the Great Lakes to hold a beach cleaning service event for all graduate students. GSAC also co-hosted the 8th Annual Interdisciplinary Research Symposium, which had a record-breaking number of participants and judges. Afterwards, GSAC held a social event to celebrate the Research Symposium and graduate student successes. Lastly, GSAC ended the year by holding elections for the Executive Board, where the following Board members were elected: Stephanie Romeo (President), Teresa Barton (Vice President), Yao Wang (Treasurer), and Samantha Seaman (Secretary). The new Executive Board and department representatives are excited to advocate for graduate students and improve graduate student life.

This month, GSAC will host its first general meeting of the new term. GSAC plans to continue hosting at least one service event and one social event each semester and co-hosting an interdisciplinary research symposium on April 16, 2016. You can find out more information about those upcoming events and other GSAC updates by reading the Grad School Announce emails and visiting facebook.com/LoyolaGSAC or http://www.luc.edu/gradschool/graduatestudentadvisorycouncil. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns or are interested in becoming involved with GSAC, please email GSAC@luc.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

Good luck with the semester!

Olive Branch Mission remains a place where lost, injured, broken and desperate lives can freely, safely and unconditionally receive help, love and care. Collections began September 11, 2015 and will end November 11, 2015.

For additional information and if you are interested in volunteering at either The James R. Jordan Foundation or Olive Branch Mission please contact:
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You can also find information about GSOS’ latest initiatives on the Graduate School website:
luc.edu/gradschool/graduateschooloutreachservices

MASTER’S MENTORS
2015 - 2016

The Graduate School, in partnership with the Student Success TRIO program, ACE (Achieving College Excellence) offers fellowships to several Master’s students each year to serve as mentors for undergraduate students enrolled in the program. This fall, the start of the 5th year of the Master’s Mentors group, include the following graduate students:

Patrick CoaterPeter
Ana Garcia Lopez

Lauren O’Brien
Jessica Pina

ACE serves and supports students who qualify as low-income, first in their families to pursue a bachelor’s degree, and/or have a documented disability. The 2015-16 Master’s Mentors will engage with junior and senior ACE Scholars who have expressed an interest in pursuing post-baccalaureate studies. They will foster a meaningful and transformative relationship with an assigned caseload of 5-10 mentees throughout the semester.

The mentors will also address questions, concerns, and anxieties that mentees may have regarding the graduate school application process, research potential areas of study and specific graduate schools with the mentees depending upon their academic interests, passions, and needs, explore funding opportunities, and work in conjunction with the other Master’s Mentors to design, plan, and facilitate two workshops/events for mentees per semester.

For more information about the Master’s Mentors program or to become involved in the program, please contact Roy Saldana, Jr., ACE Project Director at rsaldana@luc.edu.
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We understand the unique challenges that graduate students often face regarding career development. No matter which path you choose, be it in academia or outside of academia, we can help you navigate your options. Get Your Start with the Career Development Center!

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**KEY DATES AND DEADLINES FOR FALL**

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| October 30 | -- Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W"
          | -- After this date the penalty grade of "WF" is assigned                           |
| November 1 | Last day to submit final approved electronic copies of dissertations or theses for December degree conferral |
| November 2 | Spring 2016 Registration begins                                                   |
| November 9 | Foreign language examination, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Graduate School Office             |
| November 13| Last day to submit final approved hard copies of dissertations or theses for December degree conferral |
| November 25-29 | Thanksgiving Break: No Classes                                      |
| November 30| Classes resume after Thanksgiving Break                                            |
| December 1 | -- Last day to file Application to Receive a Degree for May 2016 degree conferral |
|            | -- Extension of time requests for Spring 2016 due at the Graduate School office  |
| December 5 | Fall Semester classes end                                                         |
| December 7-12 | Final Examinations (No Exams on Sunday) NOTE: Wednesday is a study day. No daytime exams will be held. |
| December 15 | -- Last day to file a Late Application to Receive a Degree for May 2016 degree conferral |
|            | -- $25 late fee applies                                                           |

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**GRADUATE STUDENT ACCOLADES**

This section features select student accomplishments that have taken place since our previous newsletter.

### Student Publications


### Job Placements

- **Dennett, B.** (THEO-PHD). Pastor of Leadership Training Residency and Theology. Faith Church. (Dyer, IN). August 2015.Dennett, B
- **Dunleavy Stoner, A.** (PSCL-PHD). Pediatric Psychologist. Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Milwaukee, WI. August 2015.Dunleavy Stoner, A
- **Leigh, D.** (HIST-MA). PhD Student and Teaching Assistant. The University of California, Davis. Davis, CA. August 2015.Leigh, D
- **Maslakowski, K.** (HIST-MA). PhD Student and Teaching Assistant. Northwestern University. Evanston, IL. August 2015.Maslakowski, K
- **McCarthy, M.** (THEO-PHD). Assistant Professor. Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics, Loyola University Chicago. Maywood, IL. August 2015.McCarthy, M
- **Okorie, F.** (THEO-PHD). Lecturer. Loyola University Chicago. Chicago, IL. August 2015.Okorie, F

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Conference Presentations


Considine, K. (THEO-PHD). Professor argues analogy of woundedness can lead to understanding. NWI Catholic. August 2015.


Welcome back students and faculty!

The new academic year is off to an exciting start as new students bring freshness and enthusiasm to our programs and continuing students exhibit new insights as they enter the next stage of their educational journey. The Graduate School at Loyola University Chicago is a vibrant community characterized by intellectual achievement, excellent training, and enthusiasm for making knowledge work in the world.

We anticipate a busy year and invite you to be an active part of it. We will rework our strategic plan to align it with the University’s 2015-2020 plan, an important part of which asks us all to think more intentionally about our commitment to justice and how we can contribute to a more humane and just global community. We have already brought students together in professional development workshops. We continue to support student participation at conferences as well as their engagement with the community. We encourage all students to be active members of the University community through involvement in their own program graduate student association as well as with the Graduate Student Advisory Council which brings students together across programs and campuses.

I wish you much success this academic year!

Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Interim Dean
The Graduate School

INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE WRITING

Feel like you need some assistance in your writing? All of us, regardless of our degrees and status, can benefit from someone who has made it his career to guide people to the next level of their writing ability. This 90-minute interactive writing workshop is specifically geared to graduate students who are struggling with graduate-level papers in their courses and individual research.

The workshop introduces students to three elemental areas of sound scholarly writing: organizing around a complex and worthwhile purpose, framing paragraphs structure, and reassessing the source relationships. This workshop is open to Master’s and Doctoral students from all disciplines in The Graduate School. Sessions are conducted by Michael Meinhardt, Ph.D., English Instructor.

Two dates are available:

**Wednesday, October 14**
7:30 – 9:00 pm
Corboy Law Center
Room 303, WTC

**Friday, October 16, 2015**
2:00 – 3:30 pm
Institute for Environmental Studies
Room 124, LSC

Registration is required and limited to graduate students in The Graduate School. Please register by 48 hours prior to the session of your choice. You may register online at luc.edu/gradschool/workshops.shtml.