Patricia Carter (1964) also attended the Loyola Rome Center her junior year at Loyola. Since her college graduation, she relocated to the Bay Area of California, attended law school for a year, and went on to graduate school to secure an MBA in Human Resource Management. Patricia worked in HR for Levi Strauss & Co., Xerox, and Pitney Bowes before retiring to the wine country of Sonoma and working part time in the wine industry. She is enjoying retirement.

Mike Nolan (Niles College 1973)
At the end of February, 2017, he will have completed his 41st year working for the Social Security Administration as a Social Insurance Representative bringing the Social Security Act to the public. Having grown up in the 60’s, it was a natural fit!!

The various Titles of the Social Security Act are the major threads of the safety-net our society has mandated its government to provide, including our social insurance programs, Medicare, Medicaid, AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), SSI (Supplemental Security Income) for the aged, blind, and disabled, etc.

Joan Pernecke (Mundelein 1977) has been serving as the Chief of the Child Protection Division for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office since 2007, after having worked as a Supervisor in the Delinquency Division since 2003 and in the Felony Trial Division since 1992. I joined the State's Attorney's Office in 1989 to lead the Domestic Violence unit at 13th and Michigan. Joan also serves as the Chairperson of the Illinois Child Death Review Executive Council and Chairperson of the Cook A Team. This statutorily mandated group reviews all deaths of DCFS involved youth and other concerning deaths at our discretion.

Kirstin Polley Stone (1986) has a consulting career implementing financial systems where she uses her sociology background every day. She travels for work, so she constantly encounters new "corporate" cultures and has to socialize them during the implementation process. Her work is both quantitative and qualitative, just like her education at Loyola. Kristin got her masters in accounting at DePaul University. Kristin often joked that she must be nomad because of how much she likes to travel for my work. She was recently surprised to find out from DNA testing that she has Aboriginal heritage.

Mike Maly (PhD-1998), was promoted to Full Professor of Sociology at Roosevelt University in Spring of 2016. In January of 2017, Dr. Maly accepted the role of Associate Professor of Research and Faculty Success at Roosevelt.

Kristin Blakely (PhD, 2008) teaches in the Department of Sociology at York University's bilingual college, Glendon, as well as in the Department of Continuing Studies at the University of Toronto. She is a Director of the Canadian Women's Foundation and currently chairs their National Teen Healthy Relationships Advisory Committee.

Omar Aquino (2009) was elected State Senator of the 2nd district of the State of Illinois. Omar was sworn in on Jan 11, 2017.

Michael Malec (1962), received the Boston College Annual Community Service Award, presented by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs. The award honors "a Boston College employee whose actions exemplify the Jesuit spirit of community service and involvement". Dr. Malec, an Associate Professor of Sociology has been at Boston College for 48 years. He has organized several service trips to San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua with faculty and students. They have installed ecological water filters and stoves in rural homes and schools, and aided local health outreach. He also has helped to maintain and expand the sister city project between San Juan del Sur and Newton, MA.
Derrick Brooms, (PhD-2010) Associate
Professor of Sociology at University of
Louisville, has published Being Black,
Being Male on Campus: Understanding and Confronting Black Male Collegiate Experiences

Jack Lofgren (2011) recently
moved to Washington, DC. He was
based in Chicago as a member of
Hillary Clinton's Midwest Fundraising
staff for her presidential campaign. Jack accepted a position as
Deputy Finance Director for Tom
Perriello's campaign for Virginia
governor.

Diana Therese M. Veloso (PhD-
2012), is an Assistant Professor at
the Behavioral Science Department
of De La Salle University in the
Philippines. She is now a tenured
faculty member and the Graduate
Studies Program Coordinator of her
department. She recently published
a research brief entitled, “Of Culpa-
bility and Entrapment: The Narra-
tives of Women Formerly on Death
Row in the Philippines,” with Asia-
Pacific Social Science Review. She
served as a consultant in a UNICEF-
funded evaluation of programs and
facilities for children in conflict
with the law (CICL) in the Philip-
pines; the evaluation report received
a rating of “Outstanding, Best Prac-
tice,” from the UNICEF Evaluation
Office through its Global Evaluation
Reports Oversight System. She has
also conducted two research pro-
jects on gender-based violence in
conflict zones and post-conflict set-
tings in the Southern Philippines.

Thomas Josephsohn (PhD 2012)
is Vice President of Research and
Insights at “Minding your Own Busi-
ness” in Chicago.

Todd Fuist (PhD-2013) will be
Assistant Professor of Sociology at
Illinois Wesleyan University begin-
ning Fall 2017.

Julie Hilvers (PhD- 2014) was
promoted to Director of the Policy
Research Collaborative (PRC) at
Roosevelt University in January.

Kathleen Flores (2016) recently
started working at Season's Hospice
and Palliative Care in Rosemont, IL.
She is part of the Finance depart-
ment and is in charge of billing for
self-pay patients. Kathleen had a bit
of background of working in a
healthcare setting throughout her
college career. She is happy to gain
more experience in a different area
of this field. She is hoping that this
raises her interest in pursuing a mas-
ter's degree in healthcare admin-
istration in the future.

Courtney Irby (PhD-2016) will
be Assistant Professor of Sociology
at Illinois Wesleyan University be-
ginning Fall 2017.

Jenna Ofenloch (MA-2016) Ac-
cepted a job offer to be a child ther-
apist at the New York Foundling.
She will travel to kid's homes in
Brooklyn to conduct sessions in an
effort to keep the family happy and
healthy and the children out of the
foster care system.

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Leticia Nieto, Director of Alumni Relations
Loyola Sociology Alum (2003)
Invites you to:
Loyola Alumni Weekend
June 10, 2017
More Information
From Refugee to Teaching Sociology

Alma Begićević is a part-time sociology instructor at Loyola University Chicago. She is teaching Society in a Global Age (Sociology 101) where she also introduces her students to the concept of human rights.

Alma is originally from Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She came to the United States in 1994 as a refugee, surviving a genocidal war. It is estimated that: 100,000 Bosnians were murdered, over 2 million people—almost half of total Bosnian population became refugees, 518,000 persons were internally displaced and over 20,000 Bosnian women, girls, and men were victims of systematic rape—as a weapon of war. This was the deadliest war in Europe since the Holocaust.

Alma holds B.A cum laude honors in Sociology from Loyola University Chicago. Her thesis advisor was Professor Lauren Langman and the academic advisor Professor Anne Figert. She earned master’s degree from the University of Chicago, Committee on International Relations with the main concentration in International Law and Human Rights. Alma has extensive experience in human rights: she represented the U.S. Government as the technical human rights expert with the U.N. Mission in Kosovo and as the chief of anti-trafficking advisor with the Department of Human Rights and Rule of Law, at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Alma Begićević is at the final stages of the PhD program in socio-legal studies at the University of Melbourne, Australia. She expects to graduate in August of this year. Her work examines transitional justice (post-conflict justice) and Bosnian victims’ right to remedy, focusing on grave violations of human rights. Alma is particularly engaged in studying sociology of money and exploring the link between monetary reparation and justice in capitalist societies.