Hello Sociologists,

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our Fall 2019 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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The new academic year once again has things bustling at Loyola. Another incoming first year class of over 2600 means that the four largest undergraduate classes in LUC’s history are all on campus together right now. It puts total undergraduate enrollment over 12,000, a Loyola record. Needless to say, this means many full classrooms, all the classroom space on campus used to overflowing, and events happening all the time. As one example, we have 12 sections of Sociology 101 being taught this fall – with a total of 4 open seats across all sections. Along with this, we have a healthy number of majors and minors, and the number of double-majors in the Sociology-Anthropology program is twice what it was last year.

Within the Sociology department, there are a number of notable transitions and accomplishments accompanying this new academic year. First, and perhaps most obvious, I am now department chair. After four years of serving the department as chair, Professor Anne Figert has returned to being a full-time faculty member. She served the department well as chair, and we are all grateful for her time and energy in that service role. But she loves teaching, and is an extremely effective teacher of Sociology 101 (she generates a lot of majors for the department) and she is offering a new graduate seminar this spring, Sociology 101 (she generates a lot of majors for the department)

More exciting is that we are joined this fall by new Assistant Professor Maria Akchurin, who has her PhD from the University of Chicago and just finished a post-doctoral fellowship at Tulane University. Maria’s research focuses on environmental issues in urban spaces, and she is working on a book on water privatization in Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina. More about her in this newsletter. Assistant Professor Judson Everwitt had a successful third year review last year and will be on leave this coming spring semester. While he is on leave, Professor Kathleen Maas Wiegt graciously agreed to serve as Acting Undergraduate Program Director.

In terms of awards and recognition, one piece of big news is that Lecturer Elise Martel Cohen was awarded a Sujack Teaching Award in the College of Arts and Sciences, the College’s most significant teaching honor. As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, several of our graduate students were given awards, such as Kyle Woolley’s recognition by the Loyola Graduate School with the Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement to Promote Social Justice, and Jennifer Cosseyleon’s Dissertation of the Year award, also from the Graduate School. Moreover, alums Derrick Brooms and Norbert Wiley received recognition from professional associations for career accomplishments, alum Frankie Frank and recently graduated Jennifer Cosseyleon won the graduate student paper awards from the Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society and the American Sociological Association, respectively. It was a good year!

So, welcome to the Sociology Department newsletter for the fall semester. We hope to keep you connected to people you know, introduce you to some that you don’t, and give you yet more evidence that our department is a lively, collegial, and energetic place to be. Do stay in touch, we love hearing from folks both far and near.

Rhys Williams

Our newest faculty member. . . Welcome!

Maria Akchurin

Dr. Maria Akchurin is a political sociologist whose work incorporates environmental sociology, urban sociology, global/transnational sociology, economic sociology, and law and society studies. Her current research agenda centers on how people make sense of and organize politically around social and environmental issues, especially access to water and related infrastructures, at a time when local socioenvironmental conditions are shaped by factors operating at multiple scales. Maria is working on a book that compares historical trajectories of urban water privatization in the Santiago and Buenos Aires metropolitan areas. In parallel, she is developing a line of research relating to extractive industries. An article looking at broad patterns of defensive mobilization by communities in response to mining projects in Chile is forthcoming at the Sociology of Development. To date, her work has appeared in Law and Social Inquiry, American Sociological Review (with Cheol-Sung Lee), and the European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (with Eduardo Silva and Anthony Bebbington). During her first year at Loyola, Maria will be teaching courses on environmental and urban sociology. She received her PhD in sociology from the University of Chicago and is excited to be back in the city and the Great Lakes region.
Dr. Savina Balasubramanian is giving a talk based on her book project to the Sociology Colloquium at Colby College on October 8, titled “All in the Family: How the Cold War Shaped American Demography.”

Dr. Balasubramanian is presenting a paper at the 2019 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting in Chicago this November, titled “In the Name of the Family: An Appraisal of Recent Scholarship on Neoliberal Capitalism and the State.”

Dr. Balasubramanian was interviewed this past summer about her research for a Vox podcast on the relationship between philanthropic foundations and democracy. She was also interviewed by a Swedish Public Radio podcast on family planning and population control.

Dr. Judson Everitt was elected to serve as Vice-President Elect for the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.

Dr. Everitt had two Author Meets Critics sessions for his book, one at the MSS Meetings in April and another at the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings in August.

Dr. Everitt presented a paper at the SSSI Annual Meeting in August entitled, “Why Your Doctor Didn’t Go To Class: Student Culture and Institutional Change in Medical Education since Boys in White.”


Dr. Dana Garbarski and her colleague Dr. Jennifer Dykema (UW-Madison) were awarded a two-year grant from the National Science Foundation to study “Effects of Interviewers, Respondents, and Questions on Survey Measurement of Health Outcomes and Health Disparities” starting September 2019.

Dr. Garbarski and colleagues published the following articles:

- “The Effects of Features of Survey Measurement on Self-Rated Health: Response Option Order and Scale Orientation” in Applied Research in Quality of Life
- “Different Domains of Physical Activity: The Role of Leisure, Housework/Dependent Care Work, and Paid Work in Socioeconomic Disparities in Reported Physical Activity” in SSM Population Health

Dr. Kathleen Maas Weigert, along with two colleagues from the University of San Francisco and University of Detroit Mercy, will be presenting on “Gender, Justice, and the Catholic Social Tradition: Where Are the Voices of Women?” at the Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education conference at Georgetown University in June 2020.

Dr. Maas Weigert, with graduate student John Sienkiewicz, continues to work on assessment of trainings offered by the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership, a community organizing group in Chicago (for which she is a founding member and current Board member).

Dr. Maas Weigert, with Prof. Michelle Nickerson (Associate Prof., History) and Patrick Green (Executive Director, Center for Experiential Learning), is organizing a public event, “Confronting Poverty in the USA; Discussion, Dialogue, Action,” (Oct. 30, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) with keynote Anna Galland, Executive Director of the Civic Education work of Moveon.org, six Loyola faculty discussion facilitators, and a “fair” with six local community organizations at the front lines of poverty reduction.


Dr. Elfriede Wedam (photo left) was interviewed by i24NEWS about the West Rogers Park neighborhood. This largely Jewish neighborhood is confronting the challenge of “how do you keep a neighborhood’s Jewish identity while still trying to welcome newcomers from different religions and ethnic backgrounds”?

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Dr. Matthew Williams’ book, "Strategizing against Sweatshops: The Global Economy, Student Activism, and Worker Empowerment" will be released January 2020.

Dr. Rhys H. Williams, with co-authors Ruth Braunstein and Todd Nicholas Fuist, published an article, "Religion and Progressive Politics in the United States," in Sociology Compass. 13:e12656.

Dr. Rhys H. Williams gave a presentation titled, “The Promise and the Peril: Looking Ahead at the Institutional Bases for the Study of Religion,” at the Sixth Biennial Religion & American Culture Conference, at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, June 6-8, 2019. [Posted with Conference Proceedings, pp. 67-70].

Dr. Peter Rosenblatt on Chicago Housing Evictions

Dr. Peter Rosenblatt (center in photo to left) participated in a panel in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago. The event’s focus was “Opening the Door on Chicago Evictions” and was sponsored by the Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing. In conjunction with this event, Dr. Rosenblatt was interviewed in the Chicago Tribune about housing issues in Chicago, namely that African American renters are four times more likely than white Americans to face eviction.

In the article, Dr. Rosenblatt explains that “the large disparity between minority and majority-white neighborhoods isn’t likely the result of widespread intentional discrimination by landlords but rather comes from structural racism, which he defined as the historical and contemporary reinforcement of inequality along racial lines.

One contributing factor, Rosenblatt said, could be the high proportion of African Americans and Hispanic renters who pay more than 30% of their incomes for housing, the maximum level recommended as affordable by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In Chicago, about two-thirds of African American renters and more than half of Latino renters pay above that threshold, compared with only 40% of white renters.

Having to pay that much for housing “can lead to evictions because there’s less wiggle room when other expenses come up,” “But the reason I say look at structural racism because it’s still the question of how do we get to the point to where there are more African American and Latinx renters being cost-burdened compared to white renters?”

Dr. Elise Martel Cohen Receives Teaching Award

Dr. Elise Martel Cohen won the Edwin T. and Vivijeanne F. Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence.

“Recipients of the Award have in common a dynamic presence in the classroom, a willingness to try new ways of teaching, and a devotion to students that goes beyond the ordinary classroom experience. These faculty members embody the Jesuit ideal of higher education in their dedication to high standards, to critical thinking and to the principle that knowledge must be put to the benefit of humanity.”

Professors Participate in University/Community Events

Dr. Cristian Paredes (far right in photo) attended the book launch of Revelaciones de un misionero: mi vida itinerante (Revelations by a Missionary: My Itinerant Life) by Rev. Alejandro Solalinde, human rights activist widely known for his work with migrants in Mexico, and Journalist Karla María Gutiérrez in May 9, 2019 at UNAM Chicago. The panel included Dr. Héctor García Chávez (Loyola WSGS and Latin American and Latinx Studies Program), who served as a discussant. This book, according to Dr. Paredes, should interest a broad readership, including sociologists interested in migration, human rights, and religion.

Dr. Rhys Williams (second from left in photo) was the commentator for the Faculty Book Talk Series on April 10th. The book was written by Elliott Gorn (Loyola History Department faculty) and is about the Emmett Till murder case.
The Sociology Department sponsored the third Eleanor V. Fails Alumni Lecture in April 2019. The speaker was Dr. Meghan Burke, Associate Professor of Sociology at the Illinois Wesleyan University. She received her PhD in Sociology from Loyola University in 2009. She specializes in the sociology of Race and Racism, Whiteness, Colorblind Racism, Social Theory, Intersectionality, Qualitative Research Methods and Diversity and Inclusion.

Dr. Burke’s lecture, “Colorblind Racism from Left to Right”, was based on her third book “Colorblind Racism”.

Dr. Cristian Paredes coordinated the Loyola University Chicago visit of Juan Acevedo, a Peruvian Political and Social Cartoonist. Mr. Acevedo has been working in his field for 50 years.

Mr. Acevedo’s visit included a lecture and a cartoon drawing workshop here at Loyola and a cartoon drawing workshop at Arrupe College.
Greetings for fall 2019! The beginning weeks of the semester have been beautiful thus far, though fall weather appears to be approaching soon. We have a number of new faces within sociology also; if you are a new major or minor, welcome aboard! Indeed, course enrollments, as well as our numbers of majors and minors, are strong.

Registration for spring courses will begin on Nov 4th. 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 Wednesday, October 30th. Between 9-11am faculty will be at a table in Damen Student Center. You can stop by at any point during this window 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 30th.

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 Tier II 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 News

From Dr. Judson Everitt, Undergraduate Program Director

Abby O’Connor (junior-pictured left), a starter on the Loyola Ramblers Women’s Basketball team, was named All Missouri Conference First Team for the 2018-19 season. In addition to her success on the court, she was awarded the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award and was on the MVC Academic Honor Roll.

Mario Guerrero (senior-left) and Grace Rock (senior-pictured right) are CURL (Center for Urban Research & Learning) Fellows. CURL Fellowships are “intended to facilitate involvement of students in collaborative research projects with community-based organizations, social service agencies, health care providers, businesses, and government in Chicago’s city and suburbs”.

Weekend of Excellence - Undergraduate Research & Engagement Symposium

At the end of Spring semester, the University celebrates student scholarship and engagement.

Sociology students that participated the symposium:

Posters:
Samuel Jaros
Ramiro Jimenez
Timothy Platten
Natasha Slavin
Andy Soto
SaCora Williams

Oral Presentations:
Cristiana Bertola
Erica Byrne
Mario Guerrero
Noah Haakenson

Andy Soto explains his research at the Symposium.
This summer, Dr. Peter Rosenblatt took his Sociology 125 class on field trips around Chicago including visiting the canal and explaining its significance to the growth of Chicago. Other field trips included Jane Addams’ Hull House and the National Public Housing Museum.

This fall, Dr. Alma Begicevic, explored the neighborhood of Edgewater established by John Lewis Cochran in late 1880s and early 1990s. The class visited historic sites including the remaining homes of the 19th and 20th century Chicago socialites and wealthy business owners: Piper hall, built in 1909, Adolf Schmidt house on 6331-33 North Sheridan Road built in 1917, 6219 North Sheridan, Gunder House and the Coach House, Joseph Downey House-Berger Park on 6205 North Sheridan. The class stopped by the Sacred Heart, Driehaus center-Conway House, saw the 100 years old Blue House on the lake owned by Demetris Giannoulias, visited Colvin House, where the owner, Angela Valavanis met them and explained the history of the mansion and what it took to preserve its authentic architecture. The class reflected on the history and legacy of the Edgewater Hotel, demolished in 1950s as a part of the expansion of Lake Shore Drive, visited the 1890 Church of Atonement on Kenmore, made a stop by the 1916 Armory building and finally closed the trip at the Moody's pub, the German beer garden, the community landmark built in 1969.

Students from Dr. Elfriede Wedam’s Religion and Society class attended Friday night services at Temple Sholom recently. Temple Sholom was founded in 1867 and is one of the oldest Reform synagogues in Chicago, located at Sheridan Rd. and Cornelia Ave. Pictured (far left) with the students are the synagogue’s three rabbis and cantor. The course incorporates field trips to diverse religious communities around the Chicago area to observe how believers practice their faith. Rosh Hashanah, the start of the Jewish New Year, began Sept. 29.

Dr. Wedam’s class began their tour through Chicago’s religious communities by starting at the Muslim Student Association Friday prayers on campus. In addition, they have visited ISKCON Temple (International Society of Krishna Consciousness) in Rogers Park, The Moody Church in Old Town, Fourth Presbyterian Church near the Water Tower, and Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church on the near west side. Other congregations in the planning stages are Willowcreek Community Church in South Barrington, Avalon Park United Church of Christ in Chatham, Urban Village Church on South Michigan Avenue, The Japanese Buddhist Temple in Uptown, and one of the Eastern Orthodox Churches. Students are required to attend only four sites but they share what they have seen with the class to demonstrate the great variety found in the city.
INTERNSHIPS

Undergraduate Internship

By Timothy Platten

The work behind the Community Impact team at Wintrust Financial Company is centered around exactly that, understanding how we are and can impact the communities we serve. Wintrust’s community bank model puts a great emphasis on the fact that we are not just another big bank, rather we want to be active members of the community. Due to this impact-driven mindset, my work revolves heavily around working with non-profit organizations that are having an impact, who we call our community partners. It is amazing to have the ability to support these organizations whether it is through funding, getting employees engaged with volunteering and leadership opportunities, or showing up at their events myself.

The lessons and tools I have gained through sociology directly influence my work on a daily basis. It provides me with a contextual lens in which to look at impact metrics. When we are deciding to partner with organizations, we ask questions that help us understand what type of impact their programs, services, or resources are having. We want to be sure we are supporting organizations that are doing right by the community.

Tim is a senior majoring in Sociology and Political Science. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies.

Graduate Internship

By William Howard Burr

The field of sociology is often maligned as being influential but impractical. The parents of our Loyola undergraduates are likely to celebrate the transformative potential of our social justice curriculum before inevitably asking, “But what job can you get with a sociology degree?” Certainly, we’ve all heard this criticism of our field at one time or another. Anticipating this common refrain, the department’s own website even has a section entitled “Careers with a Degree in Sociology.” Those comprehensive about the utility of a sociology degree, however, often fail to consider the wealth of job opportunities in the area of applied sociology.

Applied sociology is the utilization of social theory, scientific methods, and research skills to collect and analyze data and to communicate findings to a non-academic audience in order to interpret and resolve pragmatic problems for clients. Basically, if a problem requires understanding how people do things together, then applied sociology will be required to measure and solve it. If that sounds broad, it should. As a personal example, just a few of my previous job titles include: college credit counselor, street intervention worker, and community center executive director. Since returning to graduate school I’ve also held fellowships with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and Heartland Alliance. All of these positions involved practicing the sociological skills I’d learned at Loyola to identify appropriate interventions and improve community outcomes.

Outside of our department, the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS) provides educational resources in a supportive professional community outside the classroom. Their annual conference offers undergraduate students the opportunity to network with experienced practitioners, while refining integrative approaches and systems perspectives to complex problems during their Client Problem-Solving Competition. Coincidentally, the AACS president is also a Loyola sociology alumnus.

Whether you’re interested in local advocacy or larger public policy solutions, the time has never been better to pursue a career in applied sociology and Loyola’s sociology department is one of the best places to do this.

William is a Sociology PhD Candidate. His research interests include Organizational Behavior, Organizations & Institutions, Institutional Logics, and Corporate Culture in the United States since 1980. William also attended Loyola as an undergraduate where he double majored in Sociology and Economics.
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 1st. We had 36 graduating Sociology majors, and 12 Sociology/Anthropology majors.

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:

- Erica Byrne
- Kailin Sepp
- Natasha Slavin
- SaCora Williams

This year 14 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. 14 graduating seniors were presented with their AKD honors cords, which were worn proudly at graduation ceremonies in May.

The following students received special honors at the reception:

**Gallagher Award for Outstanding Sociology Senior**  Ramiro Jimenez & Paul Richardson

**Durkheim Award for Outstanding Sociology/Anthropology Senior**  Erica Byrne

**Ross P. Scherer Award for Outstanding Sociology Junior**  Timothy Platten & Avery Schatz

**Judith Wittner Award for Social Justice in Action**  Gianna Lorbeck & Natasha Slavin

Students graduating “With Distinction in Sociology”

2019 New AKD Members

Graduating AKD Members
SaCora Williams Majors: Sociology; Social Work

SaCora Williams was Chair of the Black Lives Matter conference at Loyola and chartered her sorority Zeta Phi Beta. These are in addition to being a member of Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honors Society) and graduating “with distinction in Sociology”.

Speaking of her experience at Loyola, SaCora said “Loyola being a social justice driven school and its principles and values have shaped my service experience and my understanding of what it means to serve. I think that Loyola has provided that unique perspective and has made it a more hands-on, action-oriented education. It’s helped me a lot in navigating the work I want to do and learning about the people I want to work with—those who are more vulnerable in society. It made me a more reflective person; reflective of my place in society and the values that I hold. That is something that Loyola has helped me challenge”.

SaCora is enrolled in a Masters in Social Work program at the University of Chicago.

Andy Soto Majors: Sociology; Political Science Minor: Urban Studies

Andy received a Provost Fellowship “to examine the impact of foreign aid on the place that sparked the 2011 Arab Spring and is still struggling today as a newly democratic country”. Andy and another student spent last Winter Break in Tunisia. While there, he worked on a research project with the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT). They examine the role and impact of foreign aid in shaping national education systems, Islam, and security in North Africa along the Mediterranean Sea.

Andy plans on joining the Peace Corp and to go on to graduate school to study International Development.
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**Undergraduate Publishing & Paper Competitions**

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<td>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. <a href="http://undergraduateethnography.org/">http://undergraduateethnography.org/</a></td>
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**Speaker series open to undergraduates**

[Friday morning seminars](http://undergraduateethnography.org/) • 10:30-12:00 • Center for Urban Research and Learning

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**Sociology Club Events**

- **Nov. 11th**, 4pm - 6pm - Resume, personal statement, and grad school application workshop. Location TBD.
- **Oct. 29th**, 4pm-7pm-Horror Fest, Location and Movie TBD
- **December 2nd & 3rd** - Bake sale to raise money for a non-profit organization (tentatively La Casa Norte).

**Contact Ashley Baber (ababer@luc.edu) for information**

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**Walk In Advising**

**Wednesday, October 30th**

Damen Student Center (table), 9:00AM to 11:00AM

Talk to professors about registering for Spring, J-Term and Summer courses; Internships; New Sociology Concentrations and Graduate School
I’m delighted to welcome the new graduate students joining us this fall—in total, fourteen students—most of the full time, some of them part-time, and some of them returning to Loyola after time away. It’s exciting and energizing to have new people in the department with fresh questions and fresh ideas! And, I’m even more pleased to congratulate the students who were awarded degrees during 2019—a total of three master’s degrees and six Ph.D. degrees. Their names are listed below along with their current places of employment. I’m quite proud of the fact that all five of our Ph.D.s who sought academic positions secured them. We wish all our graduates well!

After a prolonged stretch of late summer weather, it’s finally beginning to feel a lot like fall and the academic year is well underway. This year, the Graduate Sociologists Association has already been active providing social, professional, and communication outlets for their fellow students. Many thanks to the GSA leadership team for their contributions to building a community of scholars here.

In that vein, let me encourage all graduate students to participate in the many opportunities for enrichment in the department, from the monthly Professional Development Workshops (now at 5:30-6:30 P.M.), the CURL seminars, the Town Hall meeting with Dr. Rhys Williams, the Confronting Poverty in the USA conference, and the talk by George Galster, to informal study groups and programs from the Graduate School, and, of course, our annual holiday party.

Course registration for the spring semester opens on November 1. Be sure to meet with your faculty advisor before registration opens so that we can review your plans for the next semester, and get you registered in a timely way. (I am the default advisor for new students, until they identify another faculty member that they would like as their advisor.) Be sure to consider the possibility of an internship for one of your courses during your time at Loyola—they can open up new options for you, intellectually and professionally. Sociology students are also well-represented in the ranks of student employees here at Loyola—Soulit Chacko is working in the Graduate School, Joseph Butler is working as the Diversity Coordinator in the Office of the Provost, and Fatema Zohara is working in the Center for Experiential Learning.

There are some funding opportunities for graduate students, from both Loyola and external sources. Master’s students who are planning to complete a portfolio (rather than a thesis) are strongly encourage to apply for Loyola’s Research Experience for Master’s Students Fellowship for Spring 2019. This works especially well in conjunction with a research-oriented internship. The application due date is December 12. Applications for Loyola’s Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship and Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship are due in January 2020.

Check out a range of external research funding opportunities listed at the Graduate School and Fellowship Office websites. Many application deadlines are in the late fall.

Graduate School: https://www.luc.edu/gradschool/external_funding.shtml
Fellowship Office: https://www.luc.edu/fellowshipoffice/graduateinfo.shtml/

Please note that many relevant announcements are communicated only 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! Alumni, 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 allowing a current student to “shadow” you at work for a day, please let me know.

Joseph Butler, PhD candidate, is the Diversity Coordinator in the Office of the Provost here at Loyola. “Joseph has had extensive experience assisting organizations in the development and implementation of membership recruitment and community outreach strategies. He has served as Regional Organizing Director for New Schools for Chicago and Outreach Manager for Philadelphia School Partnership before collaborating to start Citizen Consulting Group in 2013 and Citizen Group Media, LLC in 2017.

Through these organizations, he has touched the lives of countless youth. He has melded his administrative skills, commitment to the community and his gift for strategic development in an exceptional way to make a difference in numerous communities across the country”. 
## Graduate Students

**ANNOUNCEMENTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS ♦ PUBLICATIONS ♦ AWARDS**

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<td>- <strong>Soulit Chacko</strong> represented Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) and our Department as well as the University at the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status on Women (CSW63) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Soulit presented a chapter from her dissertation focusing on the lived experiences of South Asian low-wage immigrant women workers in ethnic beauty salons.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Soulit</strong> has a forthcoming publication “Paradoxes of Being and Becoming South Asian Single-Mothers: The Enclave Economy, Patriarchy and Migration” Co-authored with Dr. Pallavi Banerjee and Dr. Bhumika Piya in the multidisciplinary journal 'Women, Gender, and Families of Color.'</td>
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<td>- <strong>Soulit</strong> was awarded an MSS grant for a collaborative research project with Dr. Pallavi Banerjee that focuses on newly arrived refugees in the U.S. and Canada</td>
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<td>- <strong>Soulit</strong> received an award to present a chapter from her dissertation research at the International Sociological Association (ISA) Ph.D. laboratory at the University of A Caruña in Barcelona, Spain.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Christopher Hansen</strong> is presenting at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference in November. His presentation title is &quot;Experiences of Homelessness Among Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Youth in the U.S.: Findings from CDC’s START—a National-Level Convenience Sample of SGM Youth Recruited Using Social Media.&quot;</td>
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<td>- <strong>Melissa Kinsella</strong> presented at the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) on April 19, 2019. The title of the talk was “Opening Pandora’s Box: Affirmative Sexual Consent Policies and Gendered Sexual Practices on College Campuses.”</td>
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<td>- <strong>Steven Tuttle’s</strong> article, &quot;Producing Diverse and Segregated Spaces: Local Businesses and Commercial Gentrification in Two Chicago Neighborhoods&quot; has been accepted for publication in the journal <em>City &amp; Community.</em></td>
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**Scaling up to Increase Community-Based Organization Voice**, an article written by **Sean Young (left)** Teresa Neumann and **Philip Nyden (Emeritus Faculty)**, was chosen as one of the two winners of Association of Community Organization and Social Action (ACOSA) 2019 Marie O. Weil Award. This award recognizes outstanding scholarship published in 2018 in the *Journal of Community Practice*.

Sean graduated with his PhD in Sociology in August 2019 and is currently an Assistant Professor at Aquinas College. He was a graduate student when the article was written.
Both graduate students and undergraduate students in LUC’s Sociology program engage in interesting and potentially important research. Each newsletter we feature short columns by two students describing their research — what they are doing, how they got into it, their experiences in the field, or their most notable findings. This semester we feature Lynsey Ellingwood (below) describing the research she is doing for her Masters, and Stephanie Jean-Baptiste (following page), a PhD student reporting on research she did in Haiti this past summer. Thanks to the two of them for their contributions!

By Lynsey Ellingwood

As the compounding issues behind mass incarceration and mass release come to acknowledged, a common overlapping debate in criminal justice and poverty research is how a history of interaction with the criminal justice system can continue to impact people’s later life chances. Does having a legal record make it too difficult to get a job or improve your life in other ways? For my Masters research, I examined how a program worked that is designed to offer ‘record relief’ — that is, an expungement of a legal record – for those participating in the program. Does providing record relief improve the life chances of their clients?

As part of an internship and fellowship program, I worked with Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA) in the Spring of 2019 to help evaluate the effectiveness of their work in the community. CGLA collaborates with workforce partners in the Chicagoland area to provide free legal advice and services. Our research question looked to determine if changes in legal status in general, and receiving record relief in particular, helped improve their clients’ overall well-being.

Through intake meetings, CGLA attorneys and social workers meet with referred clients and conduct initial evaluations to determine their legal services eligibility as well as their risk factors for other collateral consequences of the criminal justice system (economic opportunity, sustainable housing, social connection, and behavioral health). On each of these measures, the staff rates the client on a scale with five stability categories: In Crisis, Vulnerable, Safe, Building Capacity, and Empowered. After 6 months, a final client evaluation is conducted to track progress and address any additional needs.

I analyzed the evaluations of clients who were referred to CGLA from four collaborative partners between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2018 and during this timeframe a total of 309 clients were referred. SPSS was used to analyze the correlations and regressions across and between variables from the initial and final evaluations.

Through my regressions, I found that there is a moderate, positive association between changes in the client’s legal status score and the client’s overall stability score. A positive change in a client’s legal status score was also correlated with a higher economic opportunity score. In some cases, this change in status may be a client who originally was on probation but had successfully completed it by the time the final evaluation was conducted. In this situation, the change in legal status score, while positive for the client, is not a result of CGLA intervention. Since the primary objective of CGLA’s work is to provide assistance through record sealing and expungement services, we also wanted to focus specifically on legal relief in these forms to determine their impact.

Looking at these clients (N=55), we found that having their record relief appeals granted independently increased clients’ overall scores and economic opportunity scores. The economic opportunity change was significant enough in terms of the matrix evaluation to result in a change of stability category for this domain. For example, a client previously deemed economically “At Risk” on average would move to “Safe” in the final evaluation if they had received record relief.

This data analysis helps to solidify the fact that the work CGLA and its partners are doing has meaning and impact in their clients’ lives. Previous academic research supports the idea that tending to the myriad collateral consequences of the criminal justice system helps to reduce future recidivism and restore communities. The research presented here shows how increased access to legal services and record relief can help us on this restorative path.
**By Stephanie Jean-Baptiste**

During the summer of 2019, I was a Research Assistant on the National Science Foundation (NSF) research grant “Assessing Long-Term Socio-cultural Impacts in Disaster Recovery Efforts.” Haiti has had a series of political, and environmental disasters that have led to the influx of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that come intending to provide aid. This research is investigating how effective those interventions are, as well as the lasting socio-cultural effect their presence has on Haitian Society. The project is a longitudinal 5-year research project, and this year marked the 3rd year that the project was taking place in Haiti. The research team had three sub-teams, each of which included one graduate student from the Faculté D’Ethnologie in Haiti, and a graduate student from a US university, each of us selected after a national competition.

In 2016, Hurricane Matthew brought with it a wave of destruction on the South coast of Haiti. Each team was therefore assigned a city along that coast: Abriko, Camp-Perrin, and the team I was a part of, Port-Salut. In the first week, we established contact with the local authorities in the area to inform them of the goal of the research. For the remainder of the five weeks, we went to different sections of Port-Salut and conducted 100 interviews in Kreyol (Haitian Creole) with members of the community.

In order to find our participants, we had motorcycle drivers take us to some of the sub-sections. We went to the locations where the natives told us we would find people who would be willing to talk to us. However, we could never really predict how many people we would be able to interview as we spent most of our days walking, and sometimes, climbing, from house to house; which were often empty because people spent most of their time in the field working the crops.

The roads tended to be in such bad shape that taking the motorcycles seemed to be the only way to reach some of these areas. The unkempt roads meant that, logistically, it was difficult for aid to reach these places. For example, in Roch Jabwen, a section of Port-Salut, Hurricane Matthew had destroyed homes, schools, and churches. It did not feel like three years had already passed since the Hurricane.

Most of the places we went to were difficult to access, which might explain why the people we approached had assumed that we were a part of NGOs and were there to bring aid. We explained that we were students who were a part of a research team. Most would ignore our explanations and would proceed to talk about their needs in the community immediately. A vast majority of participants complained that, after the Hurricane, many foreigners, and researchers just like us, came to ask participants’ questions, take their names and pictures. Their unimproved conditions and the frequency of those interviews left them frustrated. Some expressed that they did not see the point of answering our questions if, in the end, they would not receive the help they need.

Others thanked us profusely for taking the time to document their issues. They saw it as being, at the very least, a step towards fixing, for example, their lack of access to roads and water. A handful of our participants thanked us for taking the time to speak with them by giving us fruits they had in their gardens. We would protest, but they would insist until we had put the fruits in our bags. Some participants, although thankful, would apologize for not being able to give us anything, but would share their concern that we were two women walking in the countryside without a man to be with us. We explained that we had motorcycle drivers and that we were okay and that tended to reassure them.

Overall, participants expressed a desire for a collaborative effort between the Haitian government, NGOs, and members of the community to make Haiti a better country. In the 2019-2020 academic year, I will again serve as a research assistant for the project. During this phase, I will analyze the data we have collected over the summer. In that time, I hope to form a greater understanding of the consequences of the presence of NGOs in Haiti.
### Professional Development Workshops

**5:30PM-6:30PM**  
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**Graduate Student Association**

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. (if you’re interested in joining us, or have an idea for an event!)

*Meet your GSA Representatives for the 2019-2020 Academic Year:*

- Julie Szamocki
- Keyla Navarrete
- Ryan Wong
- Elizabeth Long
- Bushra Ghaniwala

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**Chicago Network of Immigrant Scholars**

Fatema Zohara is an organizer for Chicago Network of Immigrant Scholars, a group of graduate students from Loyola, Northwestern, UIC and UChicago that focus on the broader areas of "Immigration". Contact Fatema (fzohara@luc.edu) for information.

**Sociologists of Religion at Loyola**

SRL-Sociologists of Religion at Loyola is a newly formed group of Loyola graduate students and faculty that study Sociology of Religion. Contact Ryan Wong (rwong1@luc.edu) for more information.
**Distinguished Graduate Instructor Award:**
Ashley Baber

**Wittner-Whalley Award for Outstanding Graduate Scholarship:**


**Richard L. Block Prize for the Best Paper in Urban Sociology or Public Policy:**


**Outstanding Graduate Student Award for Service to the Department:**
*Ryan Wong*

**Robert McNamara Award for Best Paper, Thesis, or Dissertation in the Sociology of Religion:**
**Graduate Students**

**Graduation Report**

We are proud of our PhD and MA Spring/Summer 2019 Graduates. They are listed below with the title of their dissertation or thesis, along with “what they are up to now” for PhD students.

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Drs. Catherine Gillis, Phil Nyden & Marilyn Krogh  
Drs. Serhan Tanriverdi & Rhys Williams  
Drs. Christopher Duncan & Anne Figert
American Sociological Association (ASA) Awards

LUC Sociology alums received recognition at the recent meetings of the ASA and affiliated organizations:

Norbert Wiley  Professor Emeritus from the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, received his BA from LUC. He received the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award from the ASA’s History of Sociology Section.

The committee had this to say about Dr. Wiley: “Throughout his long and successful career, Professor Wiley has produced several dozens of texts, a considerable number of which have become cornerstones in scholarly fields concerned with the history of sociology and social theory in America. Yet, his interests were never with history per se. From his 1979 chapter on “The Rise and Fall of Dominating Theories in American Sociology” to his more recent papers on the Chicago tradition of social thought (“A Mead-Cooley Merger,” and “The Chicago School: A Political Interpretation,” both from 2011), Professor Wiley’s writing has been characterized by an outstanding ability to integrate historical and theoretical argumentation in a way that allows both sides to profit from each other. This quality turns Professor Wiley’s works into pioneering exemplars of scholarship that show how to circumvent the restrictions that result from the boundaries that are drawn and re-drawn virtually every day between disciplines as well as between disciplinary subfields “.

Derrick R. Brooms (PhD-2010) (pictured left), an Associate Professor at the University of Cincinnati, received the Jacquelyn Johnson Jackson Early Career Award from the Association of Black Sociologists.

Jennifer E. Cosseyleon (PhD-2018) (pictured right), received the Mayer N. Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Student Paper Award from the ASA Section on Collective Behavior/Social Movements.

Sarah “Frankie” Frank (BA-2014) won the Midwest Sociological Society 3-minute Thesis Competition this past April. The competition challenges students to summarize their thesis in 3-minutes! She presented her research on Queering Menstruation.

Frankie’s paper “Queering Menstruation: Trans and Genderqueer Identity and Body Politics” was selected as the first place winner in this year’s Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) Graduate Paper Competition. This award was presented at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting in New York City.

Frankie is currently a lecturer at the UW Madison in Sociology and Legal Studies where she won the Early Excellence Award for Teaching. She is currently working on her dissertation which is focused on menstruation in a variety of institutions including medical, legal and military.

Addison Mauck (BA-2018) is a fellow with Challenge Detroit! She works as an event coordinator for the DTE Energy Foundation from Monday to Thursday. On Fridays she works directly with a variety of Detroit non-profits, assisting in gathering community input and researching, testing, and fully developing new ideas to help build the non-profit’s capacity and increase their impact.

Frank A. D’Angelo, Manager at DTE Energy Foundation said about Addison “she is helping us design and implement a cross-functional events team and the many processes within. Addison is also playing a key role in coordinating our summer slate of events which include The Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear, The National Cherry Festival, The Ford Fireworks Rooftop Party, and others. Her work is already helping us build efficiencies across the enterprise and ultimately aiding us in maximizing the impact we make in the communities in which we live and serve”.

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Alma Begicevic (BA-1998) was on a panel sponsored by The University of Chicago Alumni Association affinity group the Women’s Alliance. The discussion was on the difference between migrants and refugees and an overview of the most recent migrant crisis from a global perspective. Alma, a Bosnian refugee, has her MA from UChicago and PhD from University of Melbourne. She teaches part-time in our Sociology Department.

Cesraéa Rumpf (PhD-2014) has won the 2019 Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching at Benedictine University for her course titled “Transformative Justice.” This course is part of the Inside Out program, started in 1997 by Lori Pompa at Temple University, which seeks to promote dialogue and education between traditional college students and incarcerated students by holding a semester long class inside of prison.

Lawrence (Larry) Loughlin (BA-1960), retired from the military and law enforcement considers his last job (in his 70s) as a Children Social Worker by far the hardest job he ever had. Larry is living in Culver City, CA.

Robert Redell (BA-1965) spent 3.5 years as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. He had a 30 year career with IBM with assignments in Japan, The Netherlands and Paris and then spent 15 years with AT&T in assorted jobs.

Vicky Nation Butttita (BA-1977) retired from Uline effective 2018. She welcomed her first grandchild, Michael, in January 2018.

Judy Reyes (MA-1981) is currently the Director of Spiritual Services at Resurrection Retirement Community in Chicago. She subsequently attained her MA in Pastoral Studies in 2012. Judy has been married for 35 years and has two daughters and is expecting her second granddaughter in November.

Roger Atreya (BA-1989, MA-1991) is an attorney in the Seattle area. He has recently changed the focus of his practice from Intellectual Property Law to becoming a guardian ad litem where he represents the best interests of children in court. These types of cases occur when Child Protection Services pick up children because the parent/guardian is not providing a safe home, neglecting the child or children, or abuse.

Roger has been married for over 20 years and has two sons who are 15 and 11 years old.

Brian M. Dougherty (BA-1996) was awarded the DuPage County Bar Association’s Board of Director’s Award for his 2018-2019 term as Editor-in-Chief of the DCBA Brief, the bar association’s legal journal. Brian also received his JD from Loyola in 1999.

Michael Fleischer (BA-1980, MA-1986, PhD-1998) is the incoming president of AACS-Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology.

Megan Baumann (BA-2008) is a doctoral candidate in Geography at Penn State University. She just finished field research in Tolima, Colombia, on the social and environmental impacts of irrigation megaprojects.

Megan was previously a National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) award recipient.

Rita Padawangi (PhD-2008) research, “Forced evictions, spatial (un)certainties and the making of exemplary centres in Indonesia” was published in Asia Pacific Viewpoint.

Muznah Madeeha (BA-2011) I will be going to the United Kingdom for her PhD this September. She will be studying at the University of Birmingham’s PhD in Social Policy, Sociology and Criminology program.

Katrina Badowski (SANT-2013), a former Luvabull dancer has been chosen as one of the 33 contestants on the new season of The Bachelor television series.

Hannah Griebel (BA-2015) just started a Human Factors and Ergonomics Masters program at the University of Minnesota.

Catherine Kinyui (BA-2015) is at Emory University for a MPH in Health Policy & Management.

Arissa Koines (BA-2017) has recently started a Master’s in Higher Education program at the University of Michigan. Her assistantship is with Rackham Graduate School’s Summer Research Opportunity program where she will be working to increase the matriculation and retention of students who are underrepresented in graduate school.


Anna is in the Sociology PhD program at Michigan State University.

Alumni News
Jennifer Cossyleon (PhD-2018) was named a 2019 Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow. The fellowship was created in 2010 when American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) partnered with the Mellon Foundation “to create a program that could demonstrate the serious practical value of the doctoral education in the humanities,”

Jolai Michel (BA-2019) is starting at Northwestern this Fall pursuing her Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy. She was awarded the Bette D. Harris scholarship in the amount of $50,000, the only student in the cohort to be awarded this scholarship.

Mary Wright (BA-2019) is doing a year of service year with JVC Northwest/AmeriCorps.

Joseph Lamondi (BA-2012) opened Cookie Spin 3 years ago on the corner of Lincoln and Montrose in the Northcenter neighborhood. They sell “soft-batch, deep dish” cookies, shakes and ice cream creations. Joe employs many Loyola students and grads at the shop and in catering services. A second location will open next spring.

Jacqueline Zalewski (PhD-2006), a Professor at West Chester University, has written a timely new book titled, “Working Lives and in-House Outsourcing: Chewed-Up by Two Masters” (Routledge Studies in the Sociology of Work, Professions and Organizations). The book “examines the ways in which internal outsourcing in the information technologies and human resources professions negatively affects workers, their work conditions, and working relationships. With attention to the deleterious influence of outsourcing on relationships and the strong tendency of market organizations to produce social conflict in interactions – itself a considerable ‘transaction cost’ – the author challenges both the ideology that markets, rather than hierarchies, produce more efficient and less costly economic outcomes for companies, and the idea that outsourcing generates benefits for professional workers in the form of greater opportunity”.

Milton Doyle (BA-2017), Doyle signed a “partially guaranteed” training camp deal with the Chicago Bulls. The Windy City Bulls, Chicago’s G-League team also acquired his rights from the Long Island Nets. This means Milton can play for the Windy City Bulls and compete for a roster spot on the Chicago Bulls. Milton previously played for the Long Island Nets, the G-League team of the Brooklyn Nets, where he played 45 games. He then played 10 games with the Brooklyn Nets during the 2017-18 season. Last year he played with Club Baloncesto Murcia.

Jerry Harkness (BA-1963), authored a memoir titled, “Connections”. In the book, Jerry, the captain of the 1963 National Champion basketball team, talks about receiving threatening mail from the Ku Klux Klan, being threatened and harassed by fans at away games and being refused service at some restaurants and hotels. Jerry also talks about role models early in his life who prepared him to meet the challenges that would transpire through the years.
Sociology at Loyola – 105 years

Did you know Loyola’s Sociology Department is 105 years old?

The excerpt below is from Loyola’s 1924 yearbook, the first yearbook published. Read below about the founding of the Sociology Department in October 1914, the first of its kind at any Catholic school anywhere. To read entire history, follow link.

The School of Sociology

Young indeed, if years are considered the criteria of age, but old as far as having an established place in the educational field of social welfare, is the School of Sociology of Loyola University, Chicago, which this year celebrates its eleventh birthday as a department of the University. In this day of specialization, it is hard to realize that eleven years ago there was not a single other such institution in this country under Catholic auspices, and but few Catholic colleges included in their curriculum even a course in theoretical sociology, while none gave any attention to the practical side of the science. It was the realization of the crying need of Catholic ideals in social thought and of Catholic workers in the field of social service that caused the birth of the first school. Rev. Frederic Siedenburg, S.J., made this need a reality, and thus became the founder and dean of the first school where a scientific training along Catholic lines might be had.

In 1911 Father Siedenburg returned from a two years’ study of social conditions in Europe. While there, he sensed the rising discontent of the masses, victims alike of a radical socialism and a materialistic capitalism. Social and economic doctrines were everywhere preached which were hostile towards the Church, accusing her of being reactionary and unprogressive. Seeing the fallacy of these teachings, he wished for a time to come when he might be able to restate and propagate the time-worn teachings and practices of the Church, and show how from the earliest days she had originated and fostered theories and methods for meeting social problems, and how, under her auspices, organizations had been perfected centuries ago, which today are considered quite modern. His desire was further renewed upon his return to this country, for the same wave of dissatisfaction was manifesting itself in the States, and was being met chiefly by destructive denunciations of socialism. Accordingly, he set about to formulate a constructive program that would not only refute the philosophy and economics of the new heresies, but would spread the gospel of constructive Catholic principles and practices. This program took shape in the Loyola University Lecture Bureau, organized in 1913, and which gave over a hundred lectures that year. This was the germ of the School of Sociology.

Father Siedenburg

Sociology Library
Upcoming Department Sponsored Events

Mon., Oct 14  Professional Development Workshop  Kelly Moore—“How Universities & Departments Make Decisions about Graduate Students”  Coffey 425  5:30—6:30
Tues., Oct 29  Sociology Club Horrorfest 2018  Mundelein 611  4:00 - 7:00
Wed., Oct 30  Undergraduate Advising Open House  Damen Student Ctr  9:00 - 11:00
Wed., Oct 30  Confronting Poverty  McCormick Lounge  2:30 - 5:30
Thurs., Nov 14  George Galster  Cuneo 417  12:30—2:00
Mon., Nov 18  Professional Development Workshop  Elise Martel Cohen-Research Presentation  Coffey 425  5:30—6:30
Mon., Nov 11  Sociology Club Resume, personal statement, and grad school application workshop.  Coffey 425  4:00 - 6:00
Mon., Dec. 2/ Tues., Dec. 3  Bake sale to raise money for a non-profit organization  Damen (table)  TBD
Fri., Dec. 6  Department Holiday Party  McCormick Lounge  4:00 – 6:00
Wed, Dec 11  Dean’s Holiday Party (faculty, staff)  Mundelein  4:00 - 6:30

Urban Studies, The Department of Sociology, and The Center for Urban Research and Learning Welcome Professor George Galster, presenting a talk based on his recent book.

Making Our Neighborhoods,
George C. Galster
Making Our Selves

November 14, 2019 | 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. | Cuneo, Room 417

Urban theorists have tried for decades to define exactly what a neighborhood is. But behind that daunting existential question lies a much murkier problem: never mind how you define them—how do you make neighborhoods productive and fair for their residents? Drawing on economics, sociology, geography, and psychology, Dr. Galster delves into whether American neighborhoods are as efficient and equitable as they could be and, if not, what we can do to change that.

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