

# Alumni News

**Derrick Brooms** recently moved to the University of Tennessee and accepted a position as [Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies](#).

**Sarah Frank (Frankie)** (BA, 2014) is a PhD candidate at the University of Wisconsin - Madison in Sociology and a lecturer for the Center for Law, Society & Justice.

This past spring, **Frankie** won the UW Madison Undergraduate Mentorship award from the Provost for menstruation in medicine and law research.

**Frankie** also won a teaching award for Continuity of Instruction during the pandemic.

**Kevin M. Miller** (MA 2016) recently published an article titled "[They're Not Closing This School, We Won't](#)

[Let Them.](#)" Kevin describes the article as an "autoethnography that details the story of my personal experience in the field as a social work MSW and Ph.D. student, working as the facilitator of a human rights-based after-school and summer program at an urban high school set for permanent closure in a structurally oppressed community, and my journey to the realization that I was witnessing genocide in the form of structural violence.

**Joseph Renow** (PhD '21) has started a two-year Visiting Assistant position at Valparaiso University in the Sociology and Criminology Department. He is teaching a 4/4 course load, including a writing intensive theory course and all their methods courses this fall!

**Gary L. Schlesinger** (BS 1967), as of

March 18 2021, has been an Illinois lawyer for 50 years. As of 2022, he has been named an Illinois [super lawyer](#) for 15 years in a row.

On October 7, 2021, **Gary** presented at a lake county Illinois bar association family law seminar.

On October 11, 2021, **Gary** presented at a seminar by the Illinois chapter of the American academy of matrimonial lawyers and the Illinois institute of continuing legal education. The topic was case law and statutes dealing with vaccinations.

**Lucas Sharma** (MA' 12) was ordained to the transitional diaconate in San Francisco this October and is serving the St. Ignatius parish there. He will be ordained to the priesthood in June 2022.

## Jennifer Cossyleon (PhD, 2018)

After completing a two-year Mellon/ACLS Public Fellowship at [Community Change](#), I was hired as a Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager. In this role I develop and analyze policy and advocacy documents to grassroots partners, drive strategy to advance our policy agenda around housing justice in particular, and conduct participatory action research activities with residents who have experienced housing instability. This summer, I received a \$1Million Lyle Spencer Research Award (with Drs. Joanna Geller and Fabienne Doucet) to conduct a three-year nationwide study of collective parent action. The project is entitled "Organizing Family and Community: Collective Parent Action and Intergenerational Learning," and seeks to understand the size, scope, and process of collective parent action happening across the country by parents and caregivers who organize for racial, social, educational, and economic justice.



Recent publications:

"[Restorative Kinship: How a Local Movement of Women of Color Transforms Family Relationships](#)" *Frontiers* 42, no. 2 (2021): 1-25.  
and [blog](#)

"[Racial Discrimination in Housing: How Landlords Use Algorithms and Home Visits to Screen Tenants](#)" (with [Eva Rosen](#) and Phillip M.E. Garboden). *American Sociological Review* (2021)-- check out [ASA podcast](#) on this article.

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**Steven Tuttle** (PhD '20) accepted a two-year position as a post-doctoral scholar at Ball State University beginning in August. One of his articles was also accepted for publication by *Critical Sociology*.

**Jim White** (BA, 1984) shares the following: "I have been working on an important project for the last few years that has intersected my many years of telecom experience with my business background (Chicago Booth

MBA 1992) and my social science passion developed at Loyola.

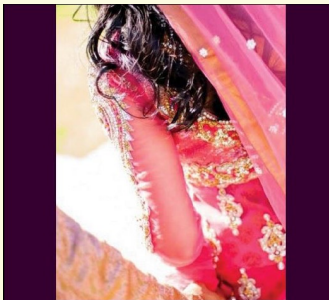
Verinetics was awarded a phase 2 contract from NIDA to commercialize our DispenSecur solution to enable increased access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD). The Opioid Crisis has continued to ravage our nation and even accelerated through the pandemic. Increased access to life saving medications like methadone and buprenorphine is a critical element in our public health response. DispenSecur is an IoT ena-

bled solution that can help increase trust between providers at Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) and their patients. The NIDA contract helps accelerate availability of this solution which is initially being piloted in Oklahoma through the support of their State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA).

**Sean Young** (PhD '19) is now an Associate Lecturer in Urban Studies and Faculty Director of Wheaton in Chicago. He and Rachel Schrock celebrated their marriage this summer.

## Farha Bano Ternikar (PhD 2004)-New Book

### Intersectionality in the Muslim South Asian-American Middle Class: Lifestyle Consumption beyond Halal and Hijab



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#### ABOUT THIS BOOK

This book uses everyday consumption as a lens to analyze how South Asian Muslim American women negotiate racial, religious, gendered, classed, and often political identities. In particular, Ternikar examines the use of food and clothing as well as social media accounts among this important immigrant population, offering new insight that goes beyond examining Muslim American women through the lens of hijab. This timely and nuanced interdisciplinary study draws on both sociology of consumption theory and intersectional feminism and will be valuable for courses in gender and women's studies, sociology of consumption, and women and religion.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Farha Bano Ternikar** is associate professor of sociology and gender and women's studies at Le Moyne College.

"Intersectionality in the Muslim South Asian-American Middle Class is a superb and original work that admirably unites Social Science and Ethnic Studies perspectives. Ternikar offers expert analysis of culinary and sartorial cultures in Asian diasporas across a range of fascinating topics. Skillfully weaving ethnographic fieldwork with leading theoretical paradigms, she posits vital counterpoints to essentialist conversations about authenticity and belonging. Imminently readable and teachable, this book delivers what scholars of Ethnic Studies and the Social Sciences have eagerly awaited: a Muslim-focused look at gender and consumption in the South Asian diaspora that meaningfully engages with contemporary debates about cuisine and fashion."

—Shalini Shankar, Northwestern University