
Hubert Izienicki graduated from Loyola’s Sociology Department in 2001 with a BA. This August, he was promoted to Associate Professor of Sociology with tenure at Purdue University Northwest. Kevin Millier graduated with an MA in Sociology in 2017. Kevin has accepted a tenure track assistant professor position at Dominican University’s School of Social Work beginning in fall 2022.

Jonathan Neidorf, an MA student who graduated in 2018, got married this September in Chicago! Congratulations to Jonathan and Hannah.

Jackie Zalewski graduated with a PhD in Sociology in 2006. Jackie was recognized by their undergraduate institution, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, as a distinguished alumni for 2021-2022. Jackie also recently co-published an article with Susan Brudvig titled “Encouraging Productive Behavior in Student Teams with Interventions” in Teaching Sociology, https://doi.org/10.1177/0092055X22108105.

Diana Veloso (PhD, 2012)

Dr. Diana Therese M. Veloso is an Associate Professor, the Master of Health Social Science Program Coordinator, and the Gender and Multiculturalism Coordinator at the Department of Sociology and Behavioral Sciences of De La Salle University in the Philippines. In addition, she serves as a guest lecturer for the Department of Theology and Religious Education at the same university.

Dr. Veloso is the Chair-Elect of the Transnational Initiatives Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems for the current year. She is also part of the Steering Committee of LEX Research Network on law, gender, and sexuality.

In addition, Dr. Veloso completed a short online course on “Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Theology, Ethics and Sustainable Development” at the University of Roehampton Catherine of Siena Centre in London, on July 2022. She has been taking short courses in theology, gender, and social justice at the said institution for the past four years.

Dr. Veloso has recently published the following book chapters and articles:


Dr. Veloso is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Office of Strategic Studies and Strategy Management *Digest*. She has edited the following publications this year:


Dr. Veloso was an awardee during the May 2022 Research Recognition Rites of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Innovation at De La Salle University. She received two Certificates of Recognition for her research involvements in 2021, particularly for her service as the Editor-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines *Digest* and for her article in the same publication:

Loyola’s Sociology Department continues to be incredibly proud of Reuben Jonathan Miller, who graduated with a PhD from Loyola in 2013. This year, Reuben Miller was awarded a MacArthur Fellow Genius Grant for his ongoing research into the “long-term consequences of incarceration on the lives of individuals and their families, with a focus on communities of color and those living in poverty.” Follow this link for more information on Reuben’s MacArthur Grant, and click on the image below to see a short video where Reuben elaborates on the work he is doing.

The Foundation’s award of its prestigious MacArthur Fellowship award to Reuben Miller is a powerful affirmation of his insightful work on how post-prison re-entry programs just create a new form of incarceration. To Reuben his ethnographic work and writing are not mere intellectual exercises; they are sharp spotlights revealing ongoing injustices that injure communities of color every day.

- Dr. Phil Nyden, Loyola University Chicago (Emeritus)

Rueben Miller's scholarship exemplifies a "pedagogy of justice," as articulated by Fr. Daniel Hartnett, S.J.. This scholarship begins with engaging with the experience of people who are suffering, then seeks understanding of those experiences, then imagines new possibilities for a greater good, and then takes action to help make those new possibilities a reality.

- Dr. Marilyn Krogh, Loyola University Chicago

“Our struggle is about making a world in which everyone belongs, even the people we've learned to be afraid of.”