

Alumni News

Ashley Baber will begin a tenured track position in the Sociology Department at Augsburg University to begin Fall 2023.

Ashley had a paper published titled: *Labour market engineers: Re-conceptualizing labour market intermediaries with the rise of the gig economy in the United States* in the journal *Work, employment and society* <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/09500170221150087>.

Ashley was invited by the London School of Economics to contribute to a blog on [United States Politics and Policy](#) based on the above publication. The title of the article will be: *Uber and Lyft do more than lobby regulators, they engineer markets for precarious labour*.

Ashley was nominated for the Magis Teaching award for part-time faculty at Loyola.

Ashley will be presenting a paper titled: *Forum shopping: How Uber and Lyft use multi-scalar state strategies, shaping regulations and expanding precarious work* at the 2023 ASA conference in Philadelphia.

Robin Bartram published a book in 2022 titled *Stacked Decks* on the issue of city building inspectors. Robin spoke at CURL this year and was quoted on the front page of [the Chicago Tribune on March 10th](#) about the danger of fires in unsafe Chicago buildings because of the broken inspection system.

Soulit Chako completed a post-doc in religion and urban culture at Indiana University Purdue University Indiana and is now an assistant professor at Boise State University in Idaho.

Jennifer Cossyleon, as senior policy and advocacy manager at Community Change, and along with researchers at NYU, released the first of-its-kind [landscape analysis](#) (and [executive summary](#)) of collective parent action across the country, the Parent Leadership and Organizing for Justice report. Based on the national survey, they found most grassroots leaders were Black and Latina moms and 88% of organizations said children attended organizing activities with their parents. You can also take a look at a recent Q&A feature with [Changewire](#).

Greg Hamill, a Sociology PhD alum from 2003, was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award this November at Oakton Community College. The award is given to one full-time faculty member each year by the Student Government Association and the Oakton Educational Foundation.

Nathalia Hernandez Vidal accepted a position as an Assistant Professor in the Sociology department at the University of Oregon, in Eugene. They offered an Assistant Professor position for Nathalia's husband in the Philosophy department as well. And, Nathalia and her husband will be having another child in June!

Brianna Howerton, an LUC Sociology alum from 2018, recently became a registered nurse in Montana.

Destiny Jacques (2022) will be pursuing a Master's of Science in Public Policy and Data Analytics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Public Policy and Practice this fall.

Jonathan Neidorf is a Researcher at the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota. Jonathan published a policy research brief: *Overrepresentation of people with IDD moving between large state-run institutions and the criminal legal system*.

Jonathan also co-authored a technical report, *Long-term supports and services for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities: Status and trends through 2019*.

Gwendolyn Purifoye has joined the core faculty of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies as assistant professor of racial justice and conflict transformation. at Notre Dame

Joseph Renow is happily teaching at Illinois Institute of Technology here in Chicago

Serhan Tanriverdi completed a post-doc at Wesley and is now working for an educational service company in New Jersey. He and his wife have a baby daughter.

Brittany Terry started a position as Senior Director of DEI at Center on Halsted. Brittany has a hand in building all diversity, equity, and inclusion programming offered by Center. This includes staff trainings, culture building, and community outreach.

Kyle Wooley is at Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, teaching and leading study-abroad, service immersions in Latin America.

Eleanor Fails Alumni Speaker Series



Reuben Jonathan Miller is the 2022 MacArthur Fellow and Associate Professor in the University of Chicago Crown Family School and in the department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity. He is also a Research Professor at the American Bar Foundation and affiliated faculty in the Department of Sociology and in the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights at UChicago.

An expert on issues of crime, punishment, racism, and poverty, he recently published a book *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*, an ethnography based on 15 years of research and practice with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people and their loved ones. *Halfway Home* won the Herbert Jacob Book Prize from the Law and Society Association, two PROSE Awards from the Association of American Publishers and was a finalist for a PEN America/John Kenneth Galbraith Book Award and the LA Times Book Prize.



A Native son of Chicago, Miller received his PhD from Loyola University Chicago, an MA from the University of Chicago, and a BA from Chicago State University. Miller lives with his wife and children on the city's Southside. We welcomed Reuben Jonathan Miller to the Loyola Sociology Department's 2023 Eleanor Fails Alumni Lecture where he gave a talk titled "Guilt."

