



# IN SOLIDARITY

**Department of Sociology**

**Spring 2019**

Hello Sociologists,

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our Spring 2018 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. Discover what our students and faculty have been up to this academic year. Check out news of recent awards and accomplishments.

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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*Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives*

## Message from the Chair, Dr. Anne Figert



Greetings from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Coffey Hall. We have had a busy academic year 2018-2019 in the Department of Sociology. In addition to the day to day work of teaching our classes, conducting research and produc-

ing publications, we have hosted a number of outside speakers and events and hired a new professor for next year. Our students and faculty have participated in important events on and off campus in an effort to work for a more just society. You can see some of this effort in the pages of this newsletter.

This is my last newsletter as Chair of the department. Stay tuned for the Fall 2019 newsletter to hear from the new Chair! I will be returning to the faculty starting in July and looking forward to being a

Professor of Sociology again. In looking back over the last four years, I am grateful for the support of the faculty, staff and administration at Loyola and proud of what we have accomplished together. In my first newsletter, I indicated that “This is an exciting time for the Department of Sociology.” My optimism continues: our class enrollments are good, research production has been excellent and we have a clear sense of our mission in the department and at Loyola.

In this newsletter, you will see all that has been accomplished by our students, faculty and alumni. We continue to have a vibrant learning community at all levels. Together (as faculty, staff and students) we are the Department of Sociology at Loyola University Chicago.

As always, check us out at our departmental web page ([www.luc.edu/sociology](http://www.luc.edu/sociology)) and at our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LUCsociology/>.

## Faculty *Kudos and Announcements*

**Dr. Judson Everitt** (with LUC alum Taylor Tefft) published “[Professional Socialization as Embedded Elaborations: Experience, Institutions, and Professional Culture Throughout Teacher Careers](#)” in *Symbolic Interaction*.

**Dr. Dana Garbarski** and **Rachel Cusatis** published “[Which Activities Count? Using Experimental Data to Understand Conceptualizations of Physical Activity](#)” in *SSM Population Health* in October 2018.

**Dr. Dana Garbarski** organized a panel discussion on “Research Strategies and Practices for Junior Faculty” as part of her position as the Carolyn B. Farrell Endowed Assistant Professor at the Gannon Center for Women and Leadership at Loyola University Chicago in October 2018.



**Dr. Dana Garbarski** and colleagues presented two papers at the 2018 Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting. Dr.

Garbarski also organized a professional development panel at the conference on Women and Leadership in Public Opinion and Survey Research, and is now the 2019 Conference Chair.

**Dr. Dana Garbarski** was invited to present a paper at the National Science Foundation-sponsored conference on Interviewers and Their Effects from a Total Survey Error Perspective in February 2019 in Lincoln, NE.

**Dr. Kathleen Maas Weigert** will be presenting on “Faith-based Community Organizing for Social Justice in Chicago” (co-authored with graduate student John Sienkiewicz) and participating on a panel discussing “Gender, Power, and the Option for the Poor: A Critical Analysis of CST” at the University of Notre Dame conference, “Option for the Poor: Engaging the Social Tradition,” March 21-23. Along with Omer Mozaffar, Loyola’s Muslim Chaplain and Lecturer in Theology, she will co-facilitate a workshop on “Religion, Wom-

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# Faculty *Kudos and Announcements*

en, and Peace, Religion for the 2019 Chicago Peace Society conference on April 6.

**Dr. Elise Martel Cohen** is a finalist for the Sujack Teaching Award.

**Dr. Cristian Paredes** published "[Catholic heritage, ethno-racial self-identification, and prejudice against Haitians in the Dominican Republic](#)" in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

**Dr. Rhys H. Williams** published (Ruth Braunstein and

Todd Nicholas Fuist) "[Religion and Progressive Politics in the United States.](#)" *Sociology Compass* (January 2019) 13:e12656.

**Dr. Rhys H. Williams** published "[The Current Landscape of American Religion: Diversity, Individuation, and the Implications for an Aging Population.](#)" Pp. 27-44 in *New Dimensions in Spirituality, Religion, and Aging*. V. Bentgson and M. Silverstein, eds. (New York: Routledge, 2019).



## MIDWEST SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

### ANNUAL MEETING

#### PARTICIPANTS

APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup>

**Raed Aluofi** (alum) "Saudis' Attitude toward the West: An Approach to Understand the Factors that Established a Negative or Positive Perception of the West"

**William Burr** (graduate student) "The Devil's In the Emails: A Ten-Year Retrospective of the Lehman Brothers Bankruptcy"

**Carrie Coward Bucher** (faculty) "Community Building as a Retention Strategy for Under-Represented Students: Outward Bound"

**Beth Dougherty** (Alum) "Fat Bodies Birthing: Where Bellies and Bias Meet"

**Judson Everitt** (faculty), **James Johnson** (adjunct), **William Burr** (graduate student), **Stephanie Shanower** (alum) "Bringing Qualitative Data from Two Eras into Empirical Dialogue"

**Judson Everitt** (faculty) Author Meets Critics Panel Featuring Judson G. Everitt's Lesson Plans: The Institutional Demands of Becoming a Teacher.

**Anne Figert** (faculty) Critic- Author Meets Critics Panel Featuring Michelle Newhart and William Dolphin's The Medicalization of Marijuana: Legitimacy, Stigma, and Patient Experience

**Bilal Hussain** (graduate student) "Religiously Activated: Muslim-American Non-Profit Organizations"

**Melissa Kinsella** (graduate student) "Opening Pandora's Box: Affirmative Sexual Consent Policies and Gendered Sexual Practices on College Campuses"

**Lauren Langman** (faculty) "Science (Fiction), Utopianism, and Critical Theory "[PAPER SESSION] Presider

**Lauren Langman** (faculty) "The Morbid Symptoms of the Interregnum"

**Dara Lewis** (alum) "Fatherhood in the Era of Mass Incarceration: Voices for Formerly Incarcerated Men"

**Júlia Mendes** (graduate student) "Resiliency, Bajo Que Costó"

**Gina Spitz** (CURL) "Rationalizing Racial Distance: Barriers to Neighborhood Social Racial Integration"

**Gina Spitz** (CURL) "Collaborating then Stepping Back: Roles for Community Organizers and Researchers in Participatory Action Research"

**Rhys Williams** (faculty) "Religious Structure and Social Stability "[PAPER SESSION] Presider

**Rhys Williams** (faculty), **Courtney Irby** (alum), with Steven Warner "Threats From 'the Street': Religious Congregations and the Management Risk for Young Adults"

**Sean Young** (graduate student) "Organizations as Co-Creators of Social Movements"

# UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

From *Dr. Judson Everitt, Undergraduate Program Director*



Spring weather is breaking through! And Spring Break, St. Paddy's Day, and Spring Training

offer pleasant forthcoming distractions. We are in the midst of a strong academic year for our Undergraduate Program. Our seniors have commencement on their calendars just weeks away, with a number having pursued honors distinction in the course of completing their capstone theses.

Our annual Departmental Research Symposium will be in the Institute for Environmental Re-

search on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Both our undergraduates and graduate students will be presenting on their own research projects; please make a point to drop by to hear about their projects and offer constructive feedback. A program schedule is forthcoming.

Registration for fall courses will begin on Apr 1<sup>st</sup> (no, really). We will be having two days for "Advising Open House" on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, Apr 4<sup>th</sup>. Between 9am-12pm on that day, faculty will be at a table in Damen Student Center. You can stop by at any point during these windows 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 sessions!

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 "second tier 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 & society (SOCL 145), sex and gender (SOCL 171).

## Undergraduate *Sociology Club*

### *The Sociology Club Spring Semester Events*



**March 15th** -Bake Sale for [La Casa Norte](#)—Damen Student Center—11am - 4pm

**March 22nd**- Water Taxi, Walking Tour of River Walk and China Town

The Club will take the water Taxi from Michigan avenue down to China Town. Then explore a little of the city and learn about uneven development, TIF funding and redevelopment projects. Afterwards, the Club will go to the [Chinese American Museum](#).

**April 12th**-Film Viewing 7:00pm- [The Hunting Ground](#)

April is sexual assault awareness month. The documentary the hunting ground, followed by a discussion.

Contact **Ashley Baber** ([ababer@luc.edu](mailto:ababer@luc.edu)) for more information



# Undergraduate *Social Justice*

## Carolyn Dickey, Gannon Scholar, Activist



Carolyn Dickey, a freshman Sociology Major from Leawood, Kansas is active on campus as a Gannon Scholar. The Gannon Scholars Leadership Program is a four-year progressive program that engages students in the development of leadership, service, and research. We are a support system and peer community for personal growth, academic excellence, and commitment to social justice.

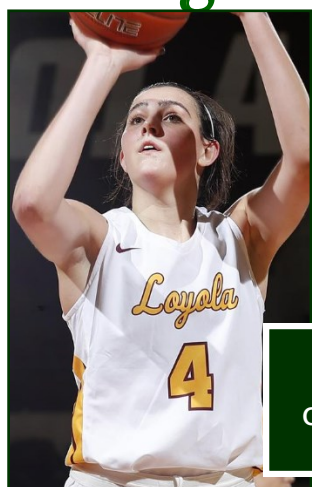
Each year, only 10 incoming first-year undergraduate students are selected to participate in the Gannon Scholars Program.

Carolyn's application essay for the program (see below) details her activism in high school and her commitment to social justice.

"In the past year, I have spent a great deal of time angry. Angry at the news. Angry at the government. Angry at those who have abused their power. I have actively chosen to turn my anger into action . . . We started the meeting with an idea and left with a movement. This April, which is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we will be leading an initiative at our school called "Awareness in April." This program will consist of assemblies, fundraisers and dialogues, all with the purpose of educating, empowering and enlightening the 425 intelligent, young women who make up our student body. We will be partnering with M.O.S.C.A., Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, a local Kansas City not-for-profit, to advise us how to approach this corrosive pandemic that is sexual assault."

[Read](#) more about the Gannon Center. Sociology professor Dr. Dana Garbarski is the Carolyn Farrell Endowed Assistant Professor at The Gannon Center for Women and Leadership.

# Undergraduate *Student Athletes*



Abby  
O'Connor



Kailyn  
Strawbridge



Jazmine  
Covington

## *Spring Advising Open House*

*Tuesday, April 2nd & Thursday, April 4th*

Damen Student Center (table), 10:00am to 1:00pm

Professors will be there to give you information about registering for summer or fall courses, internships, studying abroad and graduate school.

# Undergraduate *Opportunities*

## Opportunities & Application Deadlines:

- Apr 2 & 4 Sociology Advising Open House  
Damen Student Center, 10:00AM-1:00PM
- Apr 4 Sociology Student Research Symposium, 9AM, IES 123/124
- April 13 Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium,  
Northwestern University, 303 E. Superior, Chicago <http://www.caurs.com>
- April 11-14 Loyola Weekend of Excellence
- May 1 Sociology Honors Reception, McCormick Lounge, 3:00PM to 5:00PM
- May 10 CAS, "Arts" Commencement, Gentile Arena, 10:00AM
- May 21 Fellowship Incentive Grants (FIG)**  
Prepare an application for competitive national fellowships  
<http://www.luc.edu/fellowshipoffice/newgrants.shtml>

## Undergraduate Publishing & Paper Competitions

- July 31 *The Journal for Undergraduate Ethnography*, from Brown University  
<http://undergraduateethnography.org/>
- Oct *Illinois Sociological Association paper competition*  
[http://www.illinoisociologicalassociation.com/?page\\_id=27](http://www.illinoisociologicalassociation.com/?page_id=27)
- Dates vary National Science Foundation-*Research Experience for Undergraduates*  
[https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5517&from=fund](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5517&from=fund)

## *Reminder Speaker series open to undergraduates*

- Master of Urban Affairs and Public Policy (MUAPP) Practitioner Series  
<https://luc.edu/muapp/newsandevents/practitionerseries/>
- Friday morning seminars • 10:30-12:00 • Center for Urban Research and Learning  
<http://luc.edu/curl/fridaymorningseminars/>

# Undergraduate *Courses*

## Summer 2019 summer:

Course #	Description	Meeting	Meeting Time	Session
Socl 101	Society in a Global Age	MTW	10:45am-12:55pm	Session A
Socl 101	Society in a Global Age	MTW	8:30am-10:10am	Session B
Socl 123	Mass Media & Popular Culture (Writing Intensive)	TTh	6:00pm-9:30pm	Session A
Socl 125	Chicago-Growth of a Metropolis (Writing Intensive)	TWTh	1:10pm-3:20pm	Session B

Session A, 6 weeks—5/20 to 6/28; Session B, 6 weeks—7/1 to 8/9

# Graduate Report

From Dr. Marilyn Krogh, Graduate Program Director



We have lots of good news! In April, five Ph.D. students—**Catherine Gillis, Steve Sacco, Serhan Tanriverdi, Cameron Williams, and Kyle Wooley**-- will be defending their dissertations. The date and time of their defenses will be announced on email, and all are

invited to these hearings. Come cheer your classmates over the finish line. **Cameron Williams** has already accepted a position at Northern Kentucky University, and we expect good things for each of them as they look forward to their life after Loyola.

Congratulations to **Lynsey Ellingwood**, who was awarded *the Research Experience for Master's Students Fellowship* for Spring 2019. As an intern at Cabrini-Green Legal Aid, Lynsey is organizing and analyzing data on the effects of record expungement on the employment of people returning from prison.

Congratulations to **Ashley Baber**, who has been awarded a *Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship* through Loyola's Graduate School for the next academic year, 2019-2020. In addition to teaching, Ashley has served our department as an advisor to the undergraduate Sociology Club and as a co-organizer of our Brown Bag series, and we're delighted to see her good work recognized.

In February, for the second time, we held a *Three Minute Thesis Competition* in the department, and sent **Julia Mendes** to represent us at the university-wide event, where she won third place.

The *Brown Bag Series*, on Wednesdays from 11:00-12:00 in Coffey 425, has been informative and well attended. There are two more sessions scheduled for April, and then they will resume in the fall at a new day and time. Many thanks to the organizers, **Dr. Dana Garbarski, Ashley Baber, and Steven Tuttle**, for making this happen!

Springtime brings an abundance of conferences and events, both local and regional. Ongoing events include CURL and MUAPP seminars, as well as one-time events such as the Sociology Student Symposium, the Midwest Sociological Society meeting, the Sociology Reception and, of course, graduation. Below is more information and a few key dates.

Current students **Júlia Mendes** and **Melissa Kinsella**, as well as alumnus **Dana LaVergne** are all presenting at the

*21st Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference*, held at Northwestern University in March this year. Alumnus **Erica Ramos** served on the organizing committee. Members of our department, including **Ryan Wong**, will be presenting at Loyola's *Graduate School Interdisciplinary Research Symposium*.

Loyola will be well-represented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Sociological Society*, held this year in Chicago on April 17-20. By my count, we have eight alumni, five current students and five faculty members participating in the program. Even if you are not presenting, take advantage of the convenient location to meet and learn from other sociologists. The book, *Color Blind Racism*, by our alumnus **Dr. Meghan Burke**, will be featured in an "author meets critics" session.

**Dr. Meghan Burke** will return to campus on March 28 to give the *3rd Annual Eleanor V. Fails Alumni Lecture*. Before the talk, we will be hosting a "meet and greet" for current and prospective graduate students, followed by dinner. On Friday, Dr. Burke will talk with graduate students over lunch about teaching at a liberal arts college. Activities related to Dr. Burke's visit include:

#### March 28

**4:15** Meet and greet for prospective and current graduate students

**5:30** Dinner with Dr. Burke for prospective and current graduate students

**7:00** Fails Lecture

#### March 29

**12:00** Lunch with Dr. Burke and discussion about teaching at a liberal arts college

**Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL) [Friday Morning Seminars](#)** continue at 10:30. All welcome

**Masters of Urban Affairs and Public Policy (MUAPP) [Practitioner Series](#)**

**April 17-20 Midwest Sociological Society [annual meeting](#)** in Chicago

**April 4 Sociology Student Symposium** -IES 123 from 9AM-3PM

**March 23 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate School Interdisciplinary [Research Symposium](#)** Cuneo Hall from 8:30 AM -5:30 PM

**May 1 Sociology Department Graduation and Awards Reception** in Mc Cormick Lounge at 3:00

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**May 6 Graduate School Reception** for master's and Ph.D. graduates IC 4<sup>th</sup> floor 6-8 PM

**May 7 Loyola Graduate School Graduation Ceremony** Gentle Arena at 3:00 PM.

As we think about the end of the school year, and what's coming next, please remember that the [Fellowship Office](#) and [Career Development Center](#) do have resources for

graduate students and alumni. Alumni, we're so glad that you keep in contact with us. Please do continue to send us your news, visit us on campus, and send prospective students our way. If you're interested in joining our BA/MA, MA or PhD programs, contact me at [mkrogh@luc.edu](mailto:mkrogh@luc.edu).

# Graduate Student

## PUBLICATIONS ♦ INTERNSHIPS ♦ FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS

**Ashley Baber** co-authored an article titled, "[Challenging the market logic of school choice: A spatial analysis of charter school expansion in Chicago](#)" in the *Journal of Urban Affairs* DOI: [10.1080/07352166.2018.1555437](https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2018.1555437).

**Ashley Baber** will be presenting "Growing Labor Market Precarity: An Exploratory Investigation of the Uneven Development of Contingent Labor in the United States" at the American Association of Geographers Conference in April.

**Ashley Baber** is presenting "Remaking Place-based Education Inequality in an Era of Austerity: The Interactive Effects of Education Austerity Reforms and Neighborhood Distress and Gentrification in Chicago" and "Exploring the Role of Labor Market Intermediaries: Parallels Between the Temporary Help and 'Gig' Industries" both at the Society for the Study of Social Problems conference in August.

**Ashley Baber** was selected to be a Teaching Fellow for next academic year.

**Melissa Kinsella** will be presenting Understanding "Title IX

From the Inside Out " at the Chicago Ethnography Conference on March 16.



**Júlia Mendes** won third place at Loyola's 3-minute thesis competition in February. I sent you a picture a while back, do you still have it? She will be giving her 3MT as a guest at the Loyola Graduate Symposium reception.

**Júlia Mendes** is giving a presentation at the Chicago Ethnography Conference on March 16. Her presentation is titled: "Dating *Sin Papeles*: Undocumented Immigrants and their Relationships with Documented Partners"

**Quintin Williams** published "[Captive to the Clinic: Phase I Clinical Trials as Temporal Total Institutions or his publication](#)" in *Sociological Inquiry*.

**Cameron Williams** accepted a tenure track position at Northern Kentucky University.

**Sean Young** accepted a tenure track position at Aquinas College.

## Chicago Network of Immigrant Scholars



**Soulit Chacko** (far left) presented at the Chicago Network of Immigration Scholars meeting on February 22nd. Her talk was titled "They treat me like a family. But I wish they also paid me more:" Immigrant women workers in the ethnic enclave economy". Soulit will be presenting this at the 63rd Session on the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York.

**Fatema Zohara** (second from left) is an organizer for Chicago Network of Immigrant Scholars, a group of graduate students from Loyola, Northwestern, UIC and UChicago that focus is in the broader areas of "Immigration".

*Please contact Fatema ([fzohara@luc.edu](mailto:fzohara@luc.edu)) for information on this group.*



# Alumni News

**Sheila Coleman Dineen** (BA-1957) is Artist of the Month and will be displaying her oils at Royal Oak Library In Michigan in April 2019.

**Gary Schlesinger** (BA-1967) the Lake County Illinois Bar Association and Prairie State Legal Services awarded Schlesinger & Strauss, LLC, the Prairie State Legal Services Pro Bono Award for its dedicated work representing indigent clients at no fee in various family law cases.

**Nicholas Hoeft** (BA-2004), who received his Law Degree from Loyola in 2007, argued an estate tax case before the Illinois Supreme Court regarding four areas of Illinois tax law and sovereign immunity.

**Ethan Frely** (BA-2008) is very active in his community of Tigard, Oregon. He is Chair-Elect for the Board of Directors for Tigard Chamber of Commerce, and will be Chair of Board mid 2019. He represents the business community on a local Advisory Committee, the Tri-Met Community Advisory Committee, to advise on how the introduction of Light Rail will affect the local residents and businesses.

**Ethan** sits on the Board of Directors of an NPO called TDA (Tigard Downtown Alliance). The NPO is hired by the City of Tigard to manage all of the City events downtown.

**Ethan** is part of the Government Affairs of Policy and Procedures (GAPP) of the Chamber of Commerce to help decide the Chamber's stances on governmental issues. He was the MC of the Christmas Tree lighting, where he led the city in a countdown to help Santa light the tree. This was one of many events that Ethan has MC'd.

**Omar Aquino** (BA-2009A0, Illinois State Senator for the 2nd District, was appointed Chair of the Government Accountability and Pensions Committee. This new committee is tasked with regaining the trust of our constituents by making government more accountable when it comes to the pension system.

**Meghan Burke 's** (PhD-2009) book was published, *Colorblind Racism*. Wiley, 2018. She is the winner of The MSS Sociological Quarterly Award, an award that recognizes outstanding scholarship published in the TSQ for the last two years.

**Jacylyn Bartow** (BA-2012) recently graduated from Aurora University in December 2018 with her BSN and will start at Rush-Copley Medical Center in the ICU soon.

**Diana Therese M. Veloso** (PhD.-2012) is now an Associate Professor of the Behavioral Sciences Department at De La Salle University in the Philippines. She is on her third year of her term as the Graduate Studies Program Coordinator of the same department. She is the Guest Editor of the (forthcoming) Special Issue on the Sociology of Justice of Philippine Sociological Review. She is also the Editor-in-Chief of the Digest of the Office of Strategic Studies and Strategy Management of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

**Andy Greenia** (BA-2013) joined the team at [Promise54](#) as a Consultant. Promise54 is a non-profit that partners with people and organizations in education to solve their toughest talent-related challenges related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**Leah Durst** (SANT-2014) accepted placement in the Advanced Migration Studies graduate program at University of Copenhagen. She received a Danish Government Scholarship which covers my tuition and an additional living stipend.

**Kristen Surla** (BA-2013) graduated with a masters in higher education LUC.

**Steven Metzmaker** (BA-2014) graduated from Texas A&M with a master's in higher education. He is the Undergraduate Residential Life Coordinator at Caltech.

**Kathleen Flores** (BA-2016) was accepted into the MBA/Health Management program at Concordia University.

**Leslie Parraguez Sanchez** (PhD-2016) was appointed as Profesora Asistente, Escuela de Trabajo Social UC at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

**Bill Byrnes** (PhD-2018) has been hired as a policy analyst at Voices for Illinois Children in downtown Chicago! His work focuses on how various Illinois policies affect outcomes (health, education, community, etc.) for children in the state.

**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, and 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. [Learn](#) more about Addison's fellowship.

**Ibie Hart** (2012) is Chief of Staff for Illinois State Senator Robert Peters (13th district).



**Maria Blanco** (BA-2018) and **Yariana Baralt Torres** (BA-2018) announced that LOUD BODIES has been selected as a Synapse Arts - New Works artist 2019. LOUD BODIES is a dance collective that aims to use dance as a platform for activism and social change. Through the New Works program they are creating a work about sexual expression and orientation, and how society chooses to perceive and accept it.

# Alumni News

## Chris Lee Egan



**Chris Lee Egan** (MA-2012) is a senior software engineer at Google, working on Google Maps and other global projects.

At Google he spends a significant amount of time running and analyzing experiments, first for Google Search and now for Google Maps. He has also been doing advocacy for housing and housing affordability in the San Francisco Bay Area, both in helping to establish new advocacy orgs (such as East Bay Forward) and in working with local politicians and political campaigns on housing issues. Both his housing advocacy and professional work dovetail with the interests he had and developed at Loyola. He entered the program with a focus on urban sociology, which then got nurtured thanks in part

to having great access to CURL (particularly some brief time I spent with CURL's research on homelessness). He graduated with an additional interest in digital/new media, which Dr. Wright's mentorship helped to develop.

Chris looks back at his time in the Sociology MA program as a clear maturation in his ability to critique and reason. This maturation is thanks to the mentorship of Loyola's faculty (particularly Drs. Wittner, Langman & Wright), who taught what it meant to truly engage with subject matter--the difference between getting lost in the weeds versus thinking holistically and systematically. Professionally this systematic thinking has been invaluable in his work with data that is often ambiguous or unintuitive.

## Laurie Cooper Stoll

On Friday, November 16, 2018 Sociology PhD Alumnus, [Laurie Cooper Stoll](#) spoke to a gathering of undergraduates and graduate students here at Loyola. Dr. Stoll is Associate Professor of Sociology and the Founding Director of The Institute of Social Justice at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Her lecture was titled *Making Sociology Public: Addressing Colorblind Racism in Schooling*. Dr. Stoll drew on her research in K-12 schools and professional development with educators as well as her experience as a publicly elected school board member to illustrate the complexities and contradictions of colorblindness in schools and illustrate some of the ways sociologists can move our work from the academy into the public sphere.

Dr. Stoll's new book, [Should Schools Be Colorblind?](#) is scheduled to be released in June 2019.



Laurie Cooper Stoll (bottom row, second from right) with faculty and graduate students



Laurie Cooper Stoll speaks about her research



## Department Photos

The department celebrated with **Alma Begicevic** (center-left photo). Alma is a part-time instructor and Loyola undergraduate alum. She was awarded her PhD from the University of Melbourne, Australia.



## Perspective Student Open House (Fall 2018)



## Holiday Party (Fall 2018)



The Department of Sociology presents:

# The Eleanor V. Fails Alumni Speaker Series

Thursday, March 28 · 7 PM · McCormick Lounge



## MEGHAN BURKE

### COLORBLIND RACISM FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

**How can colorblindness – the idea that race does not matter – be racist?**

This illuminating talk introduces the paradox of colorblind racism: how dismissing or downplaying the realities of race and racism can perpetuate inequality and violence. Meghan Burke reveals colorblind racism to be an insidious presence in many areas of institutional and everyday life in the United States and ways that it can be challenged.

*Dr. Meghan Burke received her MA (2005) and PhD in Sociology (2009) from Loyola University Chicago. She is currently Associate Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Illinois Wesleyan University.*



Dr. Maya Arakon  
April 3, 2019  
4:30 PM PLACE: IES 123/124

## Is Populism the Enemy of Democracy? A Case Study of Turkey's Transformation from Democracy to Totalitarianism



Dr. Arakon is a scholar and journalist in exile from Turkey, currently living and teaching at Denison University in Georgia.

*Of Maya, the Al-Monitor says "Maya Arakon [was] an associate professor of political science and international relations at the Suleyman Sah University in Istanbul. She specializes on terrorism and violence, the Kurdish question in Turkey and conflict resolution. She has contributed to the Turkish newspaper Haberturk and to the online news website T24 as a columnist. She was also a permanent guest at a weekly political analysis program "Nasil Yani?" at A Haber TV and the host of "Herkes icin Ozgurluk" at Samanyolu Haber TV." (<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/authors/maya-arakon.html#ixzz5Q8uNWbM2>).*

# The Sociology Department Annual Research Symposium April 4th and will feature graduate and undergraduate work

**IES 123/124  
Begins at 9:00AM**

**Lunch will be provided**

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## other important dates

Thurs, Mar 28	Eleanor V. Fails Lecture Meghan Burke—Colorblind Racism Left to Right	McCormick Lounge	7:00pm
Thurs, Apr 2&4	Undergraduate Advising Open House	Damen Student Ctr	10:00 - 1:00
Wed, Apr 3	Maya Arakon Lecture Is Populism the Enemy of Democracy? A Case Study of Turkey's Transformation from Democracy to Totalitarianism	IES 123/124	4:30pm
Thurs, Apr 4	Student Research Symposium	IES 123/124	9:00 - 3:00
Apr 11—14	Loyola Weekend of Excellence		
Wed., May 1	Honors Reception	McCormick Lounge	3:00 - 5:00
Tues., May 7	Graduate School Commencement	Gentile Arena	3:00 pm
Fri., May 10	CAS, Undergrad Arts Commencement	Gentile Arena	10:00 am