Hello Sociologists,

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our Spring 2014 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 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.

Department of Sociology—Loyola University Chicago

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Faith-based community organizing over ex-offender issues, rooted in a human rights perspective, stands in stark contrast to Obama's initiative. Faith-based community organizing focuses on issues of structural racism affecting Black and Latino commu-
nities, such as fair sentencing, reinstatement of voting rights, or greater economic rights for ex-offenders. For example, in my research with Jennifer Cossyleon and Quintin Williams, two of our graduate students, I have followed the Chicago-based Fighting to Overcome Records and Create Equality (FORCE), recently successful in organizing for Illinois House Bill 3061, a bill that expanded the list of "sealable" offenses for purposes of employment application background checks. In addition, the national "Ban the Box" movement, started by the California-based group All of Us or None, has successfully removed the felony conviction question from public employment in several states and local entities. Lastly, The Community Renewal Society, an Illinois-based, faith-based community organizing group, has launched the "Reclaim campaign," aiming to release all inmates awaiting trials of non-violent crimes, which would shut down 1/3 of Cook County Jail and redirect $500 million back into education and public safety.

The launching of Obama's initiative represents not an effort to address structural racism, but its inverse: the use of racist/sexist stereotypes of Black and Latino men to deflect the state's involvement in the perpetuation of racial inequalities. For example, Obama declared that "nothing keeps a young man out of trouble like a father who takes an active role in his son's life," claiming that "government cannot play... the primary role"; never mind that mass incarceration was ushered in by elected officials who socially constructed drug crime as "America's greatest threat." In addition, Obama implicitly suggested communities of color are characterized by deficiencies, touting having been the beneficiary of "more forgiving" family and teachers; never mind that post- mass incarceration-era declines in public education spending reduce the possibility of quality, one-on-one teacher-student relationships, or that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) published research suggesting that Black men are the men most involved in child-rearing today. Lastly, while he admonished communities of color (i.e. "no excuses," or "it will take courage"). Obama announced to us all the "good news" that persons in the private sector "already" knew the importance of the President's initiative.

Strikingly, Obama's new initiative uses science and religion to rearticulate neoliberal, colorblind racism. Highly touting the "evidence" surrounding the Chicago-based "Becoming a Man" (BAM) program, Obama claimed that he would not commit more funding, but rather make federal funding “smarter.” However, if one reads closely, the University of Chicago study on BAM actually suggested that statistically significant differences in arrest rates washed out a year after the study's implementation. By using religion to legitimate his initiative—both through the name of his initiative and by collaborating with religious groups—Obama has "interpellated" (Beckford 2012) religion into the realm of state, neoliberalism and science.

Obama's initiative does mark a turning point in our nation's history. On a national level, we are no longer insisting—or even having a debate—about the efficacy of locking up millions of Americans. Rather, we are now entrenching structural racism by asking how to not mass incarcerate. My Brother's Keeper is a soft racial paternalism, blaming the victim and obscuring the role of government in creating racist structures, while legitimating the state through science and religion. In the Obama era, we laud “violence prevention” strategies that depart from an “epidemiological approach,” and we focus resources on areas such as “promise zones,” as if the problems were outside of the racist structures our government creates rather than within them. In end, Obama's soft talk and smart initiative deftly exculpate the state from the most minimal discussion of racist ideologies and social structures. In doing so, Obama obviates what should really give us hope: the emergence of anti-incarceration movements centered on social justice and human rights.

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**Faculty Kudos and Announcements**


**Rhys Williams** along with **Courtney Irby**, presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, “‘Church’ in Black and White: The Organization of Religious Identity among Adolescents.” He also gave an invited lecture in the American Islamic College's Lecture Series, “Creating an American Islam: Religious Identity and the Second Generation.” Finally, he has been invited to give a talk on “Immigration and Images of American National Identity” as the Spencer Cahill Memorial Lecture at the University of South Florida, in Tampa in March.

**Judith Wittner** will publish the 3rd edition of her book, *Gendered Worlds* (Oxford University Press), this summer.
Peter Rosenblatt was awarded a $7000 summer research stipend for a project titled “From the Projects to Where? A Spatial analysis of the Housing Choice Voucher program.” Dr. Rosenblatt was also featured on an NPR radio broadcast on January 8th. Here is the link to the program http://programs.wypr.org/podcast/baltimore-2014-wed-jan-8-12-1-pm.


Edward Flores participated in a Knowledge Exchange with the Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI), which is partnered with Loyola’s Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL). He gave a talk based on his book and his new research in Chicago. Edward Flores also gave a talk on February 3rd as an invited guest, on his book, at California State University Northridge.


Elfriede Wedam presented a paper “New Construction of Community: History, Development, and Tensions” at the Religious Research Association annual meeting in Boston, November 9, 2013


Lauren Langman gave an invited presentation at the University of Pennsylvania, Feb 25, titled, “Culture, Character and Consciousness.” He also published “The Carnivlization of the Public Sphere” in the edited volume Re-Imagining Public Space: The Frankfurt School in the 21st Century (D. Boros, editor, Palgrave McMillen publishers). Professor Langman also co-organized two session at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings, on Carnival and Critical Theory.

Kelly Moore is a keynote speaker at the National Science Foundation-sponsored conference Science for the People: The 1970s and Today at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, April 10-13, 2014. http://science-for-the-people.org/.

Kelly Moore is a judge at the Ethnographfilm festival, co-sponsored by the Society for Social Studies of Science, April 17-20, Paris, France http://www.ethnofilmfest.org/about/.

Dr. Edward Flores’ book published

Edward Flores’ book God Gangs; Barrio Ministry, Masculinity and Gang Recovery was published in December 2013.

The book focuses on street gangs in Los Angeles, considered the epicenter of the American gang problem. Rituals and customs from Los Angeles’ eastside gangs, including hand signals, graffiti, and clothing styles, have spread to small towns and big cities alike. Many see the problem with gangs as related to urban marginality—for a Latino immigrant population struggling with poverty and social integration, gangs offer a close-knit community. Edward Flores argues in God’s Gangs, that gang members can be successfully redirected out of gangs through efforts that change the context in which they find themselves, as well as their notions of what it means to be a man.

Edward Flores illuminates how Latino men recover from gang life through involvement in urban, faith-based organizations. Drawing on participant observation and interviews with Homeboy Industries, a Jesuit-founded non-profit that is one of the largest gang intervention programs in the country, and with Victory Outreach, a Pentecostal ministry with over 600 chapters, Dr. Flores demonstrates that organizations such as these facilitate recovery from gang life by enabling gang members to reinvent themselves as family men and as members of their community.

The book offers a window into the process of redefining masculinity. Edward Flores convincingly shows that gang members are not trapped in a cycle of poverty and marginality. With the help of urban ministries, such men construct a reformed barrio masculinity to distance themselves from gang life.

Graduate Report

From Dr. Talmadge Wright, Graduate Program Director

The application numbers for admission to our Ph.D. program are impressive for the upcoming Fall semester. We have 67 applications, and the Graduate Program Committee has been reviewing them. The deadline date for application to the M.A. program has not yet passed, so applications are still coming in. Congratulations are in order for a number of our students. Terrence (Ma’ruf) Allison, Victoria Russo, and Julie Hilvers successfully defended their dissertations. Soulit Chacko and Kelsea Ciavaglia completed their M.A.s in Sociology during the Fall 2013 semester. And more dissertation completions are expected before the summer is upon us.

Other continuing students nabbed some university honors. You will read below about Gwendolyn Purifoye’s President’s Medallion. Kyle Woolley has been award a Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship for next year, and Courtney Irby will receive an Arthur Schmitt Dissertation Award. See below for other academic and intellectual achievements by Sociology graduate students, and a contribution from Ph.D. student Matt Hoffmann on a successful set of teaching fieldtrips he has had with his Environmental Sociology class.

Graduate Students

ANNOUNCEMENTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS ♦ PUBLICATIONS♦ AWARDS

Gwendolyn Purifoye was awarded the Loyola Presidential Medallion for her research and overall contributions to the Loyola community. Her dissertation research looks at how race plays itself out every day on Chicago’s mass transit system. Her teaching examines how and why race, class, and gendered “incivilities” occur, and how they are turned into “civilities” based on mutual understanding.

The Presidential Medallion is presented annually to Loyola’s most outstanding students. It is given to students who not only excel in the classroom, but in the world and are dedicated to helping those around them. Gwendolyn was recommended for the award by Samuel Attoh, Dean of the Graduate School.

Bill Byrnes and Kasey Henricks will have the following paper published in the Fall 2014 issue of Sociological Spectrum, “‘That’s When the Neighborhood Went South’: How Middle Class Blacks and Whites Police Racial Boundaries of Stigmatized Blackness.”

Courtney Irby’s paper, “Dating in Light of Christ: Young Evangelicals Negotiating Gender in the Context of Religious and Secular American Culture” was recently published online (and will appear in an upcoming printed version) in the journal Sociology of Religion.

Komala Hayes presented “Jane Addams—Marginalized-How Organizational Behavior Sidelined a Scholar” at the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences, Ball State University. In November, she presented her field observations, “Sociological Lessons from the Food Integrity Summit”, which was aimed at the food industry’s attempt to restore trust with the consumer through the sharing of values and transparency and the issues confronting the effort. Komala was able to obtain $500 outside funding to attend the “Building Trust and Confidence in Today’s Food System” conference, held in Rosemont, IL, October 2013.

Kelsey Henke’s abstract for a paper called "Chicago Community Strengthening" Programs: Local Sustainability in an Urban Context" was accepted to the "Sustainability Policy: Environmental, Social and Agricultural Policy Dimensions" paper session at MSS. A co-authored paper with Jackie Henke from Purdue, titled "The Social Construction of "Knockout Game" in American Newspapers" has been accepted to the Violence section at ASA.

Cesreaa Rumpf has accepted a job in the Department of Criminal Justice at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina.

For more information on Gwendolyn and this prestigious award see—http://www.luc.edu/presidents-medallion/winners/gwendolynypurifoye/.
The Robert Dentler Award for Outstanding Student Achievement

The Dentler Award for up to two graduate students who have made a promising contribution to the field, such as a project or paper in the areas of sociological practice and public sociology. Work done within the three years prior to the conferral of the award will be considered. Products of graduate-level classes, internships, or independent projects are eligible. An award recipient who attends the 2014 ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco will receive a cash award of $500 to offset travel expenses. Nominations should consist of a letter detailing the nominee’s contributions, a copy of the paper or other project, and supporting materials such as a curriculum vitae or resume, and/or other additional letters of support. Please send nominations by May 15, 2014 to Philip Nyden (pnyden@luc.edu) ASA SPPS Section Chair. Please also cc our Section Secretary/Treasurer Angela Aidala (aaa1@columbia.edu). Self-nominations are welcome.

CURL is seeking volunteers...

CURL is seeking volunteers, particularly graduate students, who might want to put a few hours per week on a new project in cooperation with the American Sociological Association Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology. CURL is moving ahead with a development of a Directory of Organizations: Sociological Practice and Public Sociology. The Directory could serve multiple purposes, including:

- Provide a list of organizations where people engage in sociological practice and public sociology.
- Feature places that are not obvious or where sociologists have not traditionally ventured. (This could serve as a tool for undergraduate and graduate departments guiding students interested in non-academic careers).
- Statistical reports, such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics, report that there are more sociologists (persons with advanced degrees) in non-academic positions than in academic ones. This feature of the Directory could highlight the types of sectors where sociologists can be found.
- Crowd-sourcing: Over time, the directory could allow users to contribute their own information to it. That would avoid errors and decrease the work.

Interested students, please contact Phil Nyden at pnyden@luc.edu.

Announcing the 2014 Loyola University Sociology Department Student Research Symposium

The student research symposium is an opportunity to showcase only student work. Undergraduate and graduate students will both be presenting original sociological research and the symposium is open to all students. Refreshments and lunch will be provided to all who are attending (for as long as it lasts). Please come by during the day to support your colleagues and classmates and hear what they've been working on!
The “polar vortex” has left Chicago, ice patches are melting into mud puddles—spring is coming! And sociology students in Matt Hoffman’s class are venturing out to learn about environmental justice and sustainability on the South and West sides of Chicago. (See the photos below.) Other sociology students are participating in the many social and professional activities available here on campus, listed on the calendar below.

One unique opportunity is coming up right after break, and that’s to hear from a Loyola alumnus who is now an associate professor at Yale University. Andrew Papa-christos will be speaking on March 13 about using network analysis to understand violence in Chicago. Come and learn about our city, and see what a Loyola graduate can do!

I look forward to seeing many of you at these events, and in the hallways and offices of the fourth floor of Coffey. You’re always welcome.

Dr. Krogh

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**Undergraduate Kudos and Announcements**

Sarah Frank (left) (Senior) won second place in the Illinois Sociological Association's Undergraduate Student Paper competition. Her paper is titled "The Intersex Struggle with Gender".

Edgar Cruz, Andrew Greenia and Kieran Murphy (all Seniors) are members of the Maroon and Gold Society. The Maroon and Gold Society members act as a liaison between the student body and the President of the University. Students selected have demonstrated a commitment to leadership, academic excellence and service to others.

Sarah Frank (Senior) and Christina Hernandez (left) (Senior) are both Gannon Scholars. This is a four year leadership program through the Women Studies & Gender Studies Department. Working collaboratively within the University and with global and local partners, Gannon Scholars promote an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to shape women leaders for the 21st Century.

Jacob Miller (left) (Sophomore) has been named a “Ricci Scholar”. Ricci Scholars travel to the Rome Center in the Fall semester and Beijing Center in the Spring semester. Jacob will examine how the classic works of Marx are currently interpreted and taught in institutions of higher learning in Rome and Beijing. [http://www.luc.edu/features/scroll/name,256773,en.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/features/scroll/name,256773,en.shtml)

Troy Hambric (left) (Senior) and Katie Faught (Junior) are members of the Loyola Women’s Basketball team. Troy has been selected Women’s Basketball Player of the Month and she was invited to participate in the “Pro Hoops Combine” in April—the first player in Loyola’s history to be selected.

Milton Doyle (Freshman), Jeff White (Sophomore), Nick Osborne (left) (Sophomore) and Jordan Pickett (Freshman) are all members of the Loyola Men’s Basketball team. Milton has been selected Men’s Basketball Player of the Month.

Morganne Stevens (left) (Senior) is a member of the Loyola Dance Team. The team placed fourth in a nationwide competition.

Congratulations to all!
This spring, Matt Hoffmann’s Environmental Sociology course (SOCL 272) is examining environmental justice and sustainability initiatives on Chicago’s South and West Sides. Students are required to attend one of four site visits Hoffmann is organizing on weekends in February, March, and April. The class recently returned from Growing Power, Inc’s Iron Street Farm which is located on a former industrial site along Bubbly Creek. Growing Power is a non-profit organization and land trust that provides communities with access to low-cost, fresh food as well as jobs and training in vertical farming. Other site visits include: The Plant Chicago, another innovator in vertical farming and a food business incubator offering small start-ups discounted rates on space and commercial kitchen facilities; the City of Chicago’s Center for Green Technology, on the grounds of a former Superfund Site and the nation’s first rehabilitated municipal building to receive LEED Plantinum certification which houses the city’s green jobs training program and a green building trades resource center; and an ecological restoration site along the lakeshore called Montrose Point.

For the assignment, students are asked to examine how each organization or site funnels the flow of resources and people and how social, environmental, and economic benefits are distributed. During the visit, students are asked to take notes on who they meet, the kinds of activities they observe, things that surprise or intrigue them, and to take photographs to share with the rest of the class. Once back in the classroom, the collective images and descriptions are shared and students discuss what they experienced and connect their experience to larger debates in Environmental Sociology.

"Matt Hoffmann's Environmental Sociology (SOCL 272) visited Growing Power Chicago's Iron Street Farm (http://www.ironstreetfarm.com/) on Saturday, February 22. The class will be making 4 site visits throughout the semester as they explore issues of environmental justice and sustainability on the South and West sides of Chicago."
### Opportunities & Application Deadlines:

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- **Provost** - Pursue a research project in collaboration with a faculty mentor [http://www.luc.edu/lurop/provostfellowship/](http://www.luc.edu/lurop/provostfellowship/)  
- **Research Mentoring** - Be a summer assistant to a Ph.D. student [http://www.luc.edu/lurop/fellowships.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/lurop/fellowships.shtml) |
| March 19 | How to Turn Your Sociology Degree into a Career—presentation by Career Services, Cuneo 311, 7PM-9PM. |                                                                       |
| March 21 | Sociology Department Student Research Symposium, McCormick Lounge, 9AM-2:30PM |                                                                       |
| April 1  | Sociology Advising Open House, Coffey 4th floor lounge, 10AM-4PM |                                                                       |
| April 5  | Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium, Oral presentation deadline—March 1, Poster Presentation deadline—March 8. [http://www.caurs.com](http://www.caurs.com) |                                                                       |
| April 11-13 | Loyola Weekend of Excellence |                                                                       |
| April 25 | Sociology Honors Reception |                                                                       |
| May 1    | Fellowship Incentive Grants (FIG)  Prepare an application for competitive national fellowships [http://www.luc.edu/fellowshipoffice/newgrants.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/fellowshipoffice/newgrants.shtml) |                                                                       |
| May 9    | CAS, “Arts” Commencement |                                                                       |

### Undergraduate Publishing & Paper Competitions


- **Dates vary**  Research Experience for Undergraduates  See the undergraduate section of the department website and click on “Publishing, Papers, and other Opportunities” for more details.

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**Congratulations to our December 2013 Graduates**

- Yogesh Gandhi (Socl)
- Andrew Greenia (Socl)
- Jessica Tapia (Socl)
- Leah Moreno (SANT)
Photos
President’s Ball, November 2013

Father Garanzini, Gwendolyn Purifoye, Dean Samuel Attoh

Earnestine Burton, Professor Kelly Moore, Gwendolyn Purifoye & Sharon Purifoye

Holiday Party, December 2013

Kelsey Henke, Steve Tuttle, Sean Young, Professor Ed Flores & Professor Tal Wright

Kyle Woolley, Soulit Chacko, Gwendolyn Purifoye & Cesraea Rumpf

Adrienne Hypolite, Stephanie Jean-Baptiste, Latrese Monden & Professor Kelly Moore

Professor Peter Rosenblatt, Gabe Rosenblatt (Peter’s son) & Zoe Figert-Kerl (Professor Anne Figert’s daughter)
Betty (Harper) Sullivan (1953) is retired after several years of teaching both children with learning disabilities and adults to read. Betty and her husband correspond with legislators and work in their parish and community to try to improve the lives of those around them. She has 5 children.

Delores (Barone) Delgadillo (1954) received her Master’s degree from Catholic University in Washington DC and then worked as a licensed social worker in Pueblo and Colorado Springs, CO and Dallas, TX. Delores is now retired, living in Seattle where she is involved with church groups whose mission is social justice and peace. She has 2 children and 10 grandchildren.


Katie Hamilton (1969) is the co-author of Do It Yourself Or Not, a weekly Tribune syndicated column and its companion website www.diynot.com about the cost of home improvements. Katie and her husband/partner Gene have written 20 books in the field including Home Improvement for Dummies ©. They live in St. Michaels, Maryland on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay.

John Kedge (1972) lives in New Mexico. He received his Master’s degree in public administration from the University of New Mexico and is retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory, where he worked as a budget analyst. John has 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Bernie Ivers (1972) recently retired as the Director of Operations from the Higher Learning Commission after 18 years. Prior to that, he held positions in administration at DePaul University College of Law and the Illinois Institute of Technology College of Architecture for a combined total of 20 years. He still lives in the Chicago area and volunteers at Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly.

Sybil (Malinowski) Melody (MUND-1972) retired in 2011 from full time employment at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago where she was Vice President & Associate General Counsel, however, she continues to consult there as outside counsel. She has recently returned from a trip to India, where unfortunately she experienced a health scare. Sybil lives in Arizona, where she and her husband are renovating their historic home.

Kathleen Rice Simpson (MUND-1975) received her BS in Nursing from Loyola in 1978 after receiving her Sociology degree from Mundelein College in 1975. Kathleen then went onto get her PhD in Nursing. She is the author of several books, most of which relate to maternal health.

Marty Devereux-Poch (1978) works in the Finance Department of Werner Co. as an analyst. Marty is married, with 2 stepsons and 6 grandchildren. She recently went back to school to at Waubonsie Valley Community College. She is enrolled in an Accounting program to prepare for the CPA & CMA exams. Marty is preparing to take one or possibly both of these challenging exams in the future.

Christopher Helt (1990) was awarded the 2013 Chicago FBI Director’s Community Leadership Award. The Chicago FBI DCLA Award is the highest civilian, community service award given to individu-al or groups that exemplify service to the community and the FBI mission.

Rosemarie (Tolitano) Carvallo (1990) is Operations Manager for a fairly new non-profit called Icing Smiles, which provides terminally and critically ill children and their siblings with dream birthday cakes. Her son is a freshman at Loyola Marymount in L.A. studying film and television and her daughter is a junior at Waubonsie Valley High School.

Jing Zhang (PhD-1997) has been serving as the Director of Community Health Programs for Asian Human Services, for nearly 14 years. The programs have grown from a few employees to 16 employees and serve over 6,000 clients each year. The programs provide health education to limited English speakers, case management and housing services to HIV positive clients and vocational rehabilitation and employment services to people living with disabilities. Jing also mentors college and graduate students and interns. Also, her daughter, who was born while she was in graduate school is graduating from college this May.

Costas Spirou (PhD-1997) is a professor and Chair of the Department of Government & Sociology at Georgia College & State University (GCSU). GCSU is Georgia’s public liberal arts university.

Laura (Peterson) Serge (2000) works in Advertising and is the Executive Director of Corporate Partnerships for the Conde Nast Media Group, Chicago. She lives in the Logan Square neighborhood in Chicago with her husband Frank, son Jackson and daughter Lia.

Stephanie Nawyn (MA-2000), an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Michigan State University, is currently on a Fulbright Fellowship in Istanbul, Turkey for the 2013-14 academic year. She is a visiting professor at Istanbul University, starting a research project on human trafficking. To read more about Stephanie’s adventures in Turkey, both personal and professional, please read her blog, A Year Without Bacon at http://snawyn.wordpress.com/.

Caryn Aviv (PhD-2002), spent many years teaching and publishing in sociology and Jewish Studies at University of Denver and CU Boulder. She has began rabbinical school last year through ALEPH: The Alliance for Jewish Renewal, which was always a dream of

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hers. She also works as Associate Director/ Rabbi-in-training at Judaism Your Way in Denver, CO. Caryn also still teaches as an adjunct faculty in the program in Jewish Studies at CU Boulder. Her daughter is 8 years old.

Tony Kalogerakos (2002) has been practicing law for about 7 years. He was recently added to the Super Lawyers list of Rising Stars.

Eric Boria (PhD-2006) has been selected to referee the 2014 FIFA Soccer World Cup in Brazil [link]. This is an extremely competitive process with only 3 referees from the USA chosen. Eric will write an article based on his experiences for the subfield of the sociology of sport while he is teaching at a local college.

Omar Marquez (2007) is a PhD student in Educational Policy Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He works as an Assistant Director for Roosevelt University's Upward Bound Program, a federally-funded college access program that works with low income, first generation students from Social Justice High School in Chicago's Little Village/Lawnlde neighborhood.

Kristin Blakely-Kozman (PhD-2008) teaches part time at the bi-lingual campus of York University, Glendon College in Toronto, Ontario. She continues to do committee and board work for various women’s organizations. Her teaching and research focus has been in the area of public sociology and the sociology of gender. She is expecting my third son this March.

Anthony Eames (2010) finished his MA in diplomatic history at Georgetown University and Kings College in London last May. Anthony is a Graduate Programs Officer at Georgetown and working on his research for publication. He plans on pursuing further graduate work in the future.

Drew Redmond (2011) is in his final semester at DePaul Law School. In addition to making the Law Review (top 10% of students in the first year class), he has been on the Dean’s List all 5 semesters of law school. Drew has taken Sociology based courses in Law School and feels that many subjects he studied while an undergraduate at Loyola have helped provide a “unique perspective” in his courses. After he graduates and passes the Bar Exam (July 2014), Drew hopes to work for the Cook County Public Defender’s office, utilizing both his legal and sociological education.

Muznah Madeeha (MA-2011) is now living in Doha, Qatar with her husband and 5 month old son. She works part time as a research assistant in a survey research institute at Qatar University.

Alumni Outreach

Send all news to:
Stephanie DeCaluwe at
Sociology@luc.edu

To access Loyola’s Alumni Directory log into your directory profile to revise your information and never miss the latest news from your alma mater at http://LUC.edu/alumni/directory. For other alumni questions, please contact luc.edu/alumni.

Loyola Alumni Weekend

June 27th to June 29th

Link to Father Garanzini’s State of the University Address—http://new.livestream.com/loyolauchicago/SotUA
**Sociology Club**

Now that former leaders and students have moved on to other opportunities, Sociology Club is ready to gain new members and explore all kinds of fresh possibilities. Some things that the Sociology Club have done include:

- Hosting the annual departmental research symposium
- Volunteer work in the community
- Educational excursions

Involvement in the Sociology Club gives students the opportunity to connect with department faculty.

Please contact Erica Ramos (eramos3@luc.edu) for more information and to find out about upcoming meetings and events.

*We look forward to seeing you!*

**Graduate Association of Sociologists**  [http://www.luc.edu/sociology/gas.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/sociology/gas.shtml)

The Graduate Association of Sociologists is the organization in charge of planning social and academic events for the graduate students in the Sociology Department. We organize and host the Welcoming Social for our incoming cohort, in conjunction with the department’s new student orientation. We held our annual Town Hall meeting on October 18th and we will plan many more events in the near future.

Contact your G.A.S. representative if you’re interested in joining us, or have an idea for an event!

Representative for 2013-2014: Latrese Monden: lmonden@luc.edu.

**Other Important Dates**

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