Lawrence Loughlin (1958) became a children’s social worker at the LA County DCFS at age 72. He retired at age 78.

Gary Schlesinger (1967) has been named a super lawyer for ten years in a row.

Michael P. Bochenek (PhD-1991) began a tenure-track position in the Business Department at Elmhurst College in Illinois in 1992. He retired in 2010 as a Professor of Business Administration. He relied on many of my sociology classes to inform my courses in Management Theory, Organization Behavior, Negotiations, Human Resource Management, and Compensation Management. One of Michael’s daughters received her MA in sociology from NIU.

Helene Lawson (PhD-1991) is a Professor, Director of Sociology and Coordinator of Gender Studies at the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford.

Meghan Burke (PhD-2009) is an Assistant Professor at Illinois Wesleyan University. Meghan recently published a book called Race, Gender, and Class in the Tea Party: What the Movement Reflects about Mainstream Ideologies.

Rajelin Escondo (2011) earned an master’s in education from UCLA and then was awarded the Change-maker Fellowship through the Pacific School of Religion at the Graduate Theological Union, and is completing her certificate in Spirituality and Social Change this spring.

Julissa Cruz (2011) earned a master’s in sociology from Bowling Green University and is now a research associate for the City Colleges of Chicago. Julissa is the recipient of the 2014 BGSU Distinguished Thesis Award. Her thesis is The Influence of Wealth on Repartnering.

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Margaretta WaGacheru (PhD-2011) is now living for the most part in East Africa, Nairobi Kenya where she is Arts Correspondent for the Nation Media Group writing mainly for the Business Daily. She has regular theatre and visual arts columns that run once a week plus she writes on a variety of other topics. She is also an Editor for the annual KENYA ARTS DIARY, a January–December calendar that is also a visual arts catalog of East African arts, containing a minimum of 60 artists with their artwork per year.

Todd Fuist (PhD-2013) is Assistant Sociology Professor at Arkansas State University.

Edgar Cruz (2014) has moved to Washington, D.C. where he is an AmeriCorps fellow at Higher Achievement (local education nonprofit). He helps run an afterschool academic enrichment program, serving middle school students, while making efforts to close the education gap and preparing them to be high school and college ready. He writes, “There are some ups and downs, but at the end of the day they’re the reason I get out of bed every day – they keep me motivated.”

Andrew Greenia ’14, moved back to Detroit after graduation to participate in the Christ the King Service Corps and work as a full-time Community Organizer with MOSES. His recent work has focused on education issues. Andrew wrote, “I’ve heard that the best sign that you are doing good work is more work, and on a staff of seven people, that couldn’t be more true. . . .While I miss Chicago, Detroit has only continued to feel more and more like home.”

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