Hello Sociologists,

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our Spring 2015 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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Another January, another ‘polar vortex’ in Chicago. As happened last year, we were again hit by a multi-day blast of very cold air, significant winds, and finally several snow storms. While not as cold as the blast we received last year, it was cold enough to close Chicago Public Schools and prompt the city to open emergency warming centers.

We have a good view of the snow and ice on the lake from Coffey Hall, but we also get a pretty good blast of chilly wind when we leave the building.

Nonetheless, the semester and life at Loyola go on, often at a great pace. Large student enrollments, and our significant numbers of graduate students and undergraduate majors, have our classes full and professors busy. We have been going through a hiring search for a new assistant professor, which always has things busy in the department. We have several scheduled speakers coming to campus this spring, including Professor Elijah Anderson of Yale University and Professor Samuel Binkley of Emerson College. They will give colloquium presentations to our department and others.

This year the department will host the Chicago Ethnography Conference in March. This is an annual conference, organized and run by graduate students, that happens each spring at one of the universities in the Chicago area (e.g., last year it was at Northwestern). This year Loyola is sponsoring it and the planning is in high gear. Featured speakers include Professor Mary Jo Neitz of the University of Missouri, Professor Patricia Clough of the City University of New York, and Professor Matthew Hughey of the University of Connecticut. All the rest of the papers presented will be authored by graduate students. This is an institution in the sociology world around Chicago and we are pleased to host.

The department will also hold a research symposium for our own students in February. We do this each year so that undergraduate students, and graduate students, can present their research findings, and refine papers before presenting them at academic conferences or applying for fellowships and the like.

We have a notable transition coming up this spring. Professor Judith Wittner begins her last semester before retiring. Judy has been a key part of the Sociology department since she arrived here in 1976, a year before finishing her dissertation at Northwestern. During her time here she has been the Department’s Graduate Program Director, and spent five years as Director of Loyola’s Women’s Studies Program. In 2000, she was a Visiting Professor of Sociology at Vytautus Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania.

She has taught many different undergraduate and graduate classes, most notably about gender, families, and qualitative methods. The department has an event planned for this spring (March 20) to celebrate her work, teaching, and contributions to the department and university. We will miss her.

Within the department’s graduate program, several of our doctoral students have either defended their dissertations since our Fall newsletter, or will do so during this spring semester, including Rebecca West, Kathleen Pacyna, Kelly Pinter, Grace Scrimgeour, Melissa Gesbeck Howell, and Zubeyir Nisanci.

This academic year has also witnessed several professional accomplishments among the faculty. Dr. David Embrick is one of the founding co-editors of a new journal, *The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, which just published its first issue. This is an official journal of the American Sociological Association, sponsored by the Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities. Dr. Anne Figert just published a co-edited volume (with Susan Bell), titled *Reimagining (Bio)Medicalization, Pharmaceuticals, and Genetics* (Routledge Publishers). And Dr. Lauren Langman was the guest editor (and wrote an article) for a special issue of the journal *Critical Sociology* on hegemony.

So, welcome to the Sociology Department newsletter for another semester. We hope to keep you connected to people you know, introduce you to some that you don’t, and give you yet more evidence that our department is a lively, collegial, and energetic place to be. Do stay in touch, we love hearing from folks both far and near.
Metropolitan areas across the United States are marked by the uneven distribution of people and opportunities. Residential segregation by race, and increasingly by income, is exacerbated by uneven distributions of employment opportunities and high quality schools. This past fall, in cooperation with CURL, I received a grant to study a new program in Milwaukee that assists low-income families in moving against the gradient of place-based inequality by supporting moves to higher opportunity suburban areas. With one of our graduate students, Jennifer Cossyleon, I carried out a mixed methods study using survey data and in-depth interviews to explore how families responded to the program, and also uncover the barriers they face in trying to move to the suburbs.

Milwaukee is a dramatic example of the consequences of metropolitan inequality. Job growth in the past 20 years has overwhelmingly favored the suburbs, which have seen increases in employment opportunities while the City of Milwaukee has lost jobs. The city is home to the highest concentrations of poverty in the region, and this disadvantage is compounded by high levels of racial segregation—a significant feature given that most families in our study were African American. The average white family in the Milwaukee area lives in a neighborhood that is 8.5% poor, while the average black family lives in a neighborhood that is 27% poor. The city school district ranks near the bottom statewide on indicators of academic performance, while many suburban districts rank in the 90th percentile or higher.

The Milwaukee program we studied helps families who are recipients of Housing Choice Vouchers (formerly known as Section-8) pay for security deposits on housing in the suburbs. Housing vouchers have increasingly taken the place of public housing projects as the primary form of housing assistance for very poor families. Instead of subsidizing construction of housing, vouchers provide the subsidy to tenants, allowing them to afford housing in the private market that would otherwise be out of reach financially. While vouchers should theoretically allow families to move to better-off, well-resourced neighborhoods across the metropolitan region, in practice voucher holders are no more likely than low-income unassisted renters to move to low-poverty communities, and minority voucher holders in particular struggle to reach such places. The Milwaukee Security Deposit Assistance Program can help address this disparity by functioning as an incentive to encourage and support moves to suburban areas.

Our research found that families overwhelmingly responded to the security deposit assistance program and searched for housing extensively in the suburbs. The majority of families searched in at least two different suburban areas, and all but one of the 18 municipalities in suburban Milwaukee County were destinations for at least one housing search. Conventional wisdom suggests that a desire to be close to family or friends would prevent household heads from searching in the suburbs. We found that this did not outweigh the prospect of moving. While a common thread in the interviews was a desire to be close to family, respondents generally did not equate this with a need to be in the same neighborhood. Instead, interviewees reported searching in nearby suburbs, a trend that was supported by our survey, which showed the most popular search destinations to be towns on the borders of the city.

More families searched in the suburbs than were able to lease there. Discrimination and prohibitively expensive housing were the two most common factors that prevented families from leasing in the suburbs. More than three-quarters of our interview respondents described encountering either racial discrimination or landlords refusing to accept housing vouchers during their suburban housing search. Other household heads found it difficult to find a unit that was affordable, even with financial assistance. While respondents searched in almost all suburban towns in the county, the majority of leases were in the suburbs with the least-expensive rental housing.

Our study suggests that an incentive program can influence voucher holders to search in suburban areas. However, we also found that families faced a number of barriers to using their vouchers in the suburbs. The metropolitan area remains divided by things like discrimination against voucher holders and by lack of affordable housing in many areas. Leaving families to search on their own, even with an incentive, is not enough to make the voucher program work better at overcoming stark metropolitan divides. These findings highlight how the security deposit incentive needs to be combined with other policy changes, such as laws to better address discrimination by race and source of income, in order to truly improve access to suburban communities and help low income black families overcome the divides of the Milwaukee metropolitan area.

**Dr. Peter Rosenblatt researches how individuals respond to constraints and opportunities in the housing market.**
David Embrick serves as one of the Founding Co-Editors of Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, the American Sociological Association's Section of Racial and Ethnic Minorities’ official journal. The inaugural issue was published January 2015.


Dr. Embrick, Bhoomi Thakore (PhD-2013) and Kasey Henricks (Graduate Student), and Walther, Carol S. wrote the chapter, “Race and Ethnicity in Contemporary Vietnam.” In International Handbook of the Demography of Race and Ethnicity, edited by Saenz, Rogelio, David G. Embrick, and Nestor Rodriguez.

Dr. Embrick was an invited facilitator and speaker at the Southern Sociological Association annual meetings in New Orleans. His presentation was, “Working Session on Diversity and Inclusion in the Southern Sociological Society.”

Dr. Embrick was an invited guest speaker at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. His talk was “Understanding Racial Diversity in a Colorblind Society”.

Dr. Embrick was an invited workshop facilitator and speaker at Virginia Tech (Office for Diversity & Inclusion: Diversity Development Institute Advocate Certificate Curriculum). His talk was, “Teaching Race Beyond Black and White

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Dana Garbarski published an article in Advances in Life Course Research entitled “Racial/ethnic disparities in midlife depressive symptoms: The role of cumulative disadvantage across the life course.”

Dr. Garbarski co-authored an article published in Quality of Life Research entitled “The effects of question order and response option order on self-rated health.”

Dr. Garbarski presented a talk at the 2014 annual meeting of the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, “Examining the Predictors of Interviewers’ Ratings of Respondents’ Health.”

Kelly Moore authored an article, “Foodways of the Urban Poor.” for Broad Magazine.


Phil Nyden, Sean Young (LU Soc PhD student and CURL Graduate Research Fellow), Teresa Neumann (MA-2013) and current CURL research staff), and Jason Burkett (LU MA Public Policy) are presenting a paper at the April 2015 Urban Affairs Association conference in Miami. Entitled “Scaling Up to Increase Community-Based Organization Voice,” the paper will report on initial findings from a larger CURL research project in collaboration with ONE Northside, a merger of two nationally-recognized grassroots advocacy organizations based on Chicago’s north side.

Peter Rosenblatt’s book chapter, “I Do Me: Young Black Men and the Struggle to Resist the Streets” co-written with Kathryn Edin and Queenie Zhu, was published in The Cultural Matrix: Understanding Black Youth, Edited by Orlando Patterson and Ethan Fosse.


Dr. Williams will present a paper titled, "Cultural Challenges for Mainline Protestant Political Progressives" (co-authored with Paul Lichterman) at the February meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society in New York City.
David Embrick, along with Rogelio Saenz and Nestor Rodriguez edited the *International Handbook of the Demography of Race and Ethnicity*. The book examines key countries in every region of the world, this handbook presents population profiles and analyses concerning racial/ethnic disparities and changing intergroup relations. Inside, prominent scholars from various parts of the world and disciplines address the links between stratification, demography, and conflict across the globe.

Anne Figert, and Susan Bell coauthored *Reimagining (Bio)Medicalization, Pharmaceuticals and Genetics*. This is a multidisciplinary collection of original essays, the authors expertly consider how issues around medicalization have developed, ways in which it is changing, and the potential shapes it will take in the future. They develop a unique argument that medicalization, biomedicalization, pharmaceuticalization and geneticization are related and co-evolving processes, present throughout the globe.

Kelly Moore, along with Daniel Lee Kleinman edited the book *Routledge Handbook of Science, Technology and Society*. This book seeks to capture the dynamism and breadth of the field by presenting work that pushes the reader to think about science and technology and their intersections with social life in new ways. The interdisciplinary contributions by international experts in this handbook are organized around six topic areas - embodiment, consuming techno-science, digitization, environments, science as work and rules and standards.

Elfriede Wedam, along with Paul Numich coauthored *Religion & Community in the New Urban America*. The book examines the interrelated transformations of cities and urban congregations. The authors ask how the new metropolis affects local religious communities and what role those communities play in creating the new metropolis. Through an in-depth study of fifteen Chicago congregations—Catholic parishes, Protestant churches, Jewish synagogues, Muslim mosques, and a Hindu temple, both city and suburban—this book describes congregational life and measures congregational influences on urban environments.

**Dr. Judith Wittner Retirement**

Dr. Judith Wittner will retire at the end of the Spring 2015 semester. In addition to her 39 years as a Professor of Sociology, she is one of the founders and a former director of the Women’s Studies program at Loyola – the first such program at a Jesuit university. Dr. Wittner is known in the department and in the discipline of Sociology for her work on field methods and ethnographic observation. She has written on women and work, on immigrant religious congregations, and her book *Gendered Worlds* (Oxford University Press) is now in its third edition. Dr. Wittner will perhaps be best remembered for her legacy as a teacher and a mentor. She received ‘Master Teacher’ designation from the Sujack teaching award committee at Loyola, and a mentoring award from the professional association Sociologist for Women in Society. She has read and commented on more papers, field notes, master’s theses and dissertations than it is probably possible to count. Her supportive attitude combined with high academic standards will be missed here in the department and in the university.
Graduate Report

From Dr. Anne Figert, Graduate Program Director

We are halfway through the Spring 2015 semester but no sign of actual spring yet here in Chicago! However, one sure sign of spring is the announcement of the Graduate School Fellowship recipients for next year and the Department of Sociology is well represented. Congratulations go out to Soulit Chacko who received a Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship and to Catherine Gillis and Kasey Henricks who were awarded Schmitt Dissertation Fellowships. The job candidate interviews for the Assistant Professor position in the department resulted in the rescheduling of the Cookie Cook-off. The event has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 26th, 2:00 to 4:00 in the Mundelein Greenhouse (7th floor). So, dust off those recipes and bring your contribution to this social event. Social events like this and the retirement party for Judy Wittner on March 20th provide valuable opportunities for community building, networking with other graduate students and faculty and the chance to relax from a grueling semester. I hope to see you at both events.

Graduate Students

**ANNOUNCEMENTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS ♦ PUBLICATIONS ♦ AWARDS**

Kelly Pinter, Grace Scrimgeour and Zubeyir Nicansi all successfully defended their dissertations.

Zubeyir Nicansi got an Assistant Professor of Sociology position at Istanbul Sehir University in his native Turkey.

Courtney Irby wrote an article titled “Moving Beyond Agency: A Review of Gender and Relationships in Conservative Religions. in” *Sociology Compass*.

Courtney Irby presented a paper at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion’s annual conference called, “Dare to be Different’: How Religious Groups Frame and Enact Appropriate Gender and Sexuality Norms among Young Adults.”

Kelsey Henke and Nathalia Hernandez Vidal will be leading a panel on nature and society at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

Nathalia Hernandez Vidal will be presenting a paper called “Seeds, Indigenous Knowledge And (de) Colonization In Colombia: A Comparative Case Study” at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

Courtney Irby, along with Rhys Williams and R. Stephen Warner presented another paper at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion’s annual conference called, “How to Best Honor Sexuality?: Competing Discourses of Sexuality as a Godly Behavior or as Embodied Spirituality in Evangelical Premarital Counseling.”
**Graduate Student Opportunities**

**2015 Chicago Ethnography Conference**

Saturday, March 14th—8:45 am to 6:30 pm  
Hosted by Loyola’s Sociology Department

Loyola University's Sociology Department is hosting the 2015 Chicago Ethnography Conference. The theme of the conference this year is “The World(s) of Ethnography: Critical Perspectives & Social Justice.”

The conference will include keynote addresses by 3 noted ethnographers, in addition to several break out sessions.

Please register at [chicagoethnography.wordpress.com](http://chicagoethnography.wordpress.com)

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**Come to the 1st annual Sociology Department “Cookie-off”**

Thursday, March 26th  
2:00-4:00  
Mundelein Greenhouse (7th floor)

You bring a batch of cookies to share. Judging by popular vote in the following categories: Best tasting, Best Decorated, Most Unique

Warm drinks provided by Association of Graduate Students and Department of Sociology

*Cookie Baking Competition*

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**Graduate Level Summer Courses**

We will offer 2 graduate summer courses this summer—all classes meet 6/1/15 through 7/24/15

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Registration is currently open
I just walked outside and it’s still light at 5:30 PM! Sunshine is coming, the days are getting longer, and the spring semester is in full swing. Students participated in research “roundtables” where they discussed their research projects in progress and heard suggestions and encouragement from each other. The discussions were so productive that we may sponsor two roundtable sessions next year, one in the fall, and one in the spring.

A lot is going on in the next couple of months. On Saturday, March 14, Loyola’s Sociology graduate students are hosting the Chicago Ethnography Conference, and the organizing committee is asking for undergraduates to volunteer for at least two hours during the conference. Volunteers will get lunch and admission to any of the sessions. It’s a great “behind the scenes opportunity,” especially for those interested in graduate school. To volunteer or request more information, please contact Beth Dougherty (bdougherty1@luc.edu).

On Monday, March 16, 6:30 PM, Fr. Gregory Boyle, founder of HomeBoy Industries in Los Angeles, is coming to speak on campus. Former faculty member, Dr. Edward Flores, wrote about HomeBoy Industries in his book, God’s Gangs. And on Tuesday, April 7, 4:15 PM, Dr. Elijah Anderson, Professor of Sociology at Yale University, will be speaking about the interactions of blacks and whites in public spaces. His most recent book is The Cosmopolitan Canopy: Race and Civility in Everyday Life.

On April 13, the first day of registration for fall classes, the department will offer advising in a new place—Damen Student Center—in the hopes of making these conversations more convenient for students. This summer, for the first time, we are offering the required statistics class, Socl 301, during the eight week summer session. Taking this requirement along with doing an internship is a great way to make progress on your degree.

Finally, be sure to read the columns by your classmates—Taylor Tefft about Loyola Coalition for the Homeless, and Jacob Miller about the Ricci Scholars and study abroad. Best wishes to all for a good semester, and see you at our graduation and honors reception on April 24.

Dr. Krogh

Undergraduate Kudos and Announcements

Edward Chong (left) (Senior-SANT), Ja’elle Croom (Junior-SANT), Leah Durst-Lee (Senior-SANT), Zach McNealy (Senior-Socl), Emily Nethercott (Socl-Dec 2014) are all CURL Undergraduate Fellows. This program allows students to do research projects with community based organizations, social service agencies, health care providers, businesses and governments throughout the city and suburbs.

Sarah Frank (left) (Socl-Dec-2014) won 3rd place in the Senior Division of the Illinois Sociological Association 2014 Student Paper Competition. Sarah’s paper was titled “Violence Against Lesbian and Gay Youth and Collegiate Responses & Resources.”

Congratulations to the following December 2014 graduates:

 Juan Basadre (SANT)
 Elise Nethercott (Socl)
 Sarah Frank (Socl)
 James Peterson (Socl)
 Mohamed Ikab (Socl)
 Courtney Rudolph (Socl)
 Leah Lee (SANT)
 Pauline Taborska (Socl)
 Jenna Lewis (Socl)
Loyola Coalition for the Homeless

by Taylor Tefft

I began working with the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) during my freshman year at Loyola. CCH is an organization made up of people who “organize and advocate to prevent and end homelessness, because [they] believe housing is a human right in a just society.” When I began with CCH, I didn’t really know anything about community organizing or sociology, however, after working with CCH I have experienced how the two fields fit seamlessly together. My work with CCH has influenced my understanding of my class content, while my class content has informed how I understand community organizing and Chicago in general!

CCH now has a chapter at Loyola, otherwise known as the Loyola Coalition for the Homeless, or LCH. As an organization, we work to prevent homelessness, by meeting with state representatives in our area, increasing voter registration, and going to Springfield every year to lobby for programs that benefit those experiencing homelessness, particularly homeless youth. On campus, we host Speakers’ Bureaus, where formerly homeless individuals come to campus and talk about their experiences, as well as what we can do to prevent homelessness and support those experiencing it.

In the past year, we also increased our community outreach in the Rogers Park area, through the REAL: Rent Ethically, Act Locally campaign. We began this campaign after we discovered that Rogers Park residents were being unjustly displaced. We now run programs for first and second students about how they can be a positive presence in the neighborhood, and advocate if they notice unjust practices happening in their buildings and neighborhoods.

This year specifically, LCH has also been working with the Fight For 15 campaign, a global movement to raise the wages of fast food workers. We will be hosting a worker on March 15th, who will speak to students about the history of the movement, what tactics are used, and how they can support the movement through action. Kyle Woolley, a graduate student teaching in the Sociology Department, has been a huge help in organizing this initiative. Come join us!

Ricci Scholar Program

Jacob Miller is a sociology major who won a Loyola Ricci Scholarship to study abroad in Rome and Beijing during his junior year. He’s currently in China, working on a comparative research project on one aspect of Italian and Chinese society. He and his fellow Ricci scholars are studying a range of topics, including public health, legacies of totalitarianism and fascism in architecture, and contemporary political relationships with Marxism. Jacob reports, “This has been one of the most invigorating years of my college career. . . . My research has enhanced my study abroad experience.” He also wrote, “The sociology classes I took prior to leaving and while I have been abroad have been invaluable in approaching my hosts’ culture and history.”

Jacob wants other sociology majors to know that he’s able to complete the major and two minors while studying abroad and still graduate in four years. He says, “Having met students from many other universities, I’ve come to realize that Loyola makes it far easier to study abroad than any of the other schools I have come across.”

Applications for the Ricci scholarships are due in the fall of a student’s sophomore year, so rising sophomores, now is the time to start thinking about this program, which is named after the Italian Jesuit Matteo Ricci, who arrived in China in 158 and lived there for nearly three decades. During his time in the Qing Dynasty China, Ricci wrote scientific and philosophical works, was the first foreigner invited into the Forbidden City, promoted understanding of the Confucian East, and converted some notable Chinese intellectuals to Christianity.

For more information on the Ricci Scholar Program see www.luc.edu/ricci
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### Summer Session A—6 weeks—May 19 to June 27
### Summer Session B—6 weeks—June 30 to August 8
### Summer Session C—8 weeks—June 2 to July 25

*Enjoy Summer in the City!*  
http://www.luc.edu/summer/index.shtml

### Study Abroad—Fall 2015:

- **Rome**  
  Socl 267—Italy Today

- **Beijing**  
  Socl 251—Peoples of China

- **Vietnam**  
  Socl 280—Contemporary Vietnam

### Spring Advising Open House

Stop by our table in Damen Student Center on Monday, April 13th, 10:00am to 4:00 pm.

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

**Opportunities & Application Deadlines:**

**March 1**  
Fellowships through Loyola Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (LUROP)  
- **CURL** - Take a leadership role in an engaged research project in the fall semester  
  [http://www.luc.edu/curl/undergraduate_fellows.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/curl/undergraduate_fellows.shtml)  
- **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)  
- **Social Justice** - Faculty mentored research connected to social justice  
  [http://www.luc.edu/lurop/socialjusticeresearchfellowship/](http://www.luc.edu/lurop/socialjusticeresearchfellowship/)

**March 10**  
Register for oral presentations at Weekend of Excellence

**March 14**  
Chicago Ethnography Conference, Mundelein Auditorium, 9:00AM to 4:00PM

**April 3**  
Submit poster for Community Engagement Forum during Weekend of Excellence

**April 13**  
Sociology Advising Open House, Damen Student Center, 10AM-4PM

**April 11**  
Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium, Oral presentation deadline—March 1, Poster Presentation deadline—March 8.  
[http://www.caurs.com](http://www.caurs.com)

**April 17-19**  
Loyola Weekend of Excellence

**April 24**  
Sociology Honors Reception, McCormick Lounge, 3:00PM to 5:00PM

**May 8**  
CAS, “Arts” Commencement, Gentile Arena, 9:30AM

**May 18**  
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)

**Undergraduate Publishing & Paper Competitions**

**July 31/Jan 31**  
*The Journal for Undergraduate Ethnography*, from Brown University  

**Oct**  
*Illinois Sociological Association paper competition*  
[https://illinoissociologicalassociation.wordpress.com/students/paper-competition/](https://illinoissociologicalassociation.wordpress.com/students/paper-competition/)

**Nov**  
*Sociological Insight, from University of Texas*  
[http://sites.utexas.edu/socinsight/](http://sites.utexas.edu/socinsight/)

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

**Reminder Speaker series open to undergraduates**

**Master of Urban Affairs and Public Policy (MUAPP) Practitioner Series**  
[http://www.luc.edu/gradschool/MUAPP_events.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/gradschool/MUAPP_events.shtml)

**Friday morning seminars**  
- 10:30-12:00  
- Center for Urban Research and Learning  
[http://luc.edu/curl/fridaymorningseminars/](http://luc.edu/curl/fridaymorningseminars/)
Photos

Dr. Dana Garbarski is honored at the Loyola Women’s Basketball Game

Dr. Marilyn Krogh, Zoe Figert-Kerl, Stephanie DeCaluwe, Dr. Elfreide Wedam at game

Dr. Rhys Williams & Dr. Matthew Williams at the Department Holiday Party

Kelsey Henke, Stephanie Jean-Baptiste, Quintin Williams at the Department Holiday Party

Sarah Frank & Dr. Talmadge Wright at the Department Holiday Party

Students participate in the Sociology Roundtables at the annual symposium
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.

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 non-profit). 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.”

Alumni Outreach

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2015 Loyola Alumni Weekend

June 4th to June 7th
SOCILOGY 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!

Association of Graduate Sociologists  http://www.luc.edu/sociology/gas.shtml

The Association of Graduate 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!

Representatives: Stephanie Jean-Baptiste (sjeanbaptiste@luc.edu) and Kelsey Henke (khenkel@luc.edu)

other important dates

Sat, Mar 14  17th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference  Mundelein Auditorium  8:45 - 6:30
Fri, Mar 20  Judith Wittner’s Retirement Party  Piper Hall  4:00 - 7:00
Mon., Apr 13  Undergraduate Advising Open House  Damen Student Ctr  10:00 - 4:00
Apr 17—19  Loyola Weekend of Excellence
Fri., Apr 24  Honors Reception  Damen Student Ctr  3:00—5:00
Wed., May 7  Graduate School Commencement  Gentile Arena  3:00 pm
Fri., May 8  CAS, Undergrad Arts Commencement  Gentile Arena  9:30 am
June 4—7  Alumni Weekend