Welcome to our spring 2009 newsletter and happy New Year’s! As you will notice, we tried to take a more visual approach in this issue. Generously sprinkled throughout are photos that we believe represent what life is like in our department. The editorial board would like to thank Chris Wolff and Rosa Negussie for all of their help in selecting and formatting the pictures for this newsletter. Thanks also to our graduate students, Todd Fuist, Erin Tracey, Joseph Renow, Courtney Irby, and Tom Josephsohn, who served as photographers and helpful hands during our colloquia, works-in-progress, Christmas party, and other department events. Finally, a very special thanks to Erin Tracey and Joseph Renow for the time spent creating the photo collage for the newsletter. We hope you enjoy this issue and as always, please feel free to email any comments, corrections, ideas or suggestions to dembric@luc.edu.

Editorial Board: David G. Embrick, J. Talmadge Wright, and Chris Wolff

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Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives
Message from the Chair

The “Spring” Semester always seems like a misnomer in the middle of January. But the new semester does bring with it a sense of anticipation and newness, making it possible to believe that spring is just around the corner. And for the baseball fans among us, in just a matter of days “pitchers and catchers report,” the four most warmly welcomed winter words. This year has already seen a lot of activity. Our enrollments remain high and many of our classes are full to the brim. We completed a strategic plan that will guide us over the next few years in focusing and streamlining our curriculum and expanding our faculty. We are also carrying out a search for a senior professor to join us in August of this year. So we have much to look forward to, even amidst the busyness of day to day departmental life.

One of the most enjoyable of our departmental extracurricular activities is our weekly Friday Colloquium series. Each Friday afternoon students and faculty gather to hear from an interesting scholar about his or her latest research. During Fall Semester, we heard from Talmadge Wright, Laura Miller and Meghan Burke from our department. Visiting speakers were William Domhoff, Fred Block, Carla Goar and David Lind. Be sure to check the back page of the newsletter for the Spring Colloquium schedule, and join us for any of the lectures that you can.

I am happy to announce the establishment of a new departmental fund, the Sociology Academic Enhancement Fund. It was initiated with contributions to the memorial fund for Peter Whalley, and was enlarged by combining it with a much earlier memorial for Ross Scherer and more recent gifts from alumni. Earnings from the fund will be used for our annual distinguished student awards, and will support student research or other academic enhancement activities. Alumni and friends of the department can continue to contribute to this fund, and will know that they have given a gift that keeps on giving.

Working to Improve Students’ Lives

by Talmadge Wright

Since the Spring of 2006, the Student Life Working Group (SLWG), started and advised by Dr. Talmadge Wright from the sociology department, has worked to apply the methods of sociology to the real world community of Loyola University. Using both survey and interview research methods small groups of Loyola undergraduate students have conducted professional level research to provide a snapshot of student perceptions about many aspects of Loyola’s student community. The students receive full academic credit and in the process engage in real life research which directly effects their on-campus social life. Inspired by the work of Rebecca Nathan in My Freshman Year and the work of urban planner Christopher Alexander in, The Pattern Language, the students examined those aspects of life at Loyola that were important to students, the opportunity for socializing on campus and the promotion of healthy food options. Our WEB page with links to the three studies conducted so far is: http://www.luc.edu/sociology/SLWG.shtml.
PRESENTATIONS

**Dr. Elfriede Wedam** presented “Mapping as a Tool Connecting Religious and Urban Restructuring” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meetings, October 17-19, 2008, Louisville, Kentucky, and will be presenting “Comparing Catholic Imaginations” at the International Society for the Study of Religion biannual meetings, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, July 27-31, 2009

**Jennifer Barrett**


PUBLICATIONS

**Dr. Elfriede Wedam:** *Structure, agency, and adaptation in congregations*, CrossCurrents (December 2008)

*Authority versus Liberalism: Or is there a third way?* Review Essay, Contemporary Sociology. (March 2009)

**J. Talmadge Wright, David G. Embrick, and Andras Lukacs** recently signed a contract to publish an edited volume with Lexington Books. The book is tentative titled *Utopic Dreams and Apocalyptic Fantasies: Critical Analyses of Play in Virtual Realms* and is scheduled for a publication date sometime early 2010.

**Jennifer B. Barrett:**

“Gender and Perceived Control in Russia.” *Europe-Asia Studies*. Forthcoming January 2009 (with Cynthia Buckley)


**Professor Marcel Fredericks:**


“Logical Connectors and Mixed Methods Research.” (Submitted for publication, 2008)

“Teaching Pre-Health Students Some Select Interactional Aspects of Social Concepts Applicable to their Future Professional Roles in the Community.” (To be submitted for publication, 2009)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our seriously belated congratulations to **Dr. Fred Kniss**, who was promoted to full professor effective this academic year. Dr. Kniss’s promotion was occasioned, in part, by the publication of his most recent book, with Paul Numrich, *Sacred Assemblies and Civic Engagement*.

**Professor Fredericks** as been appointed one of the review editors for the *Journal of the National Medical Association*.

**David G. Embrick** was nominated and selected to serve a two-year term as a board member of the American Sociological Association’s Honors Program Advisory Panel.

Congratulations to **Japonica Brown-Saracino** and **David Embrick**, our two latest award-winning faculty members! Both have been awarded Summer Research Stipends for 2009.

**David G. Embrick’s** project is titled “Diversity beyond the Black-White Racial Paradigm: Asian American Experiences in Corporate America.” The objective of the project is to explore how the experiences of Asian Americans managers and executives in major U.S. corporations differ from that of African and Latino/a Americans. Because Asian Americans are frequently targeted as model minorities, there is a tendency for this group to be ignored or understudied in research that critically explores diversity and post-Civil Rights race relations. The research fills a gap in the diversity literature that tends to overlook the status of Asian Americans in the context of white hegemonic masculinity that dominates many major U.S. businesses.

**Japonica Brown-Saracino’s** project is “Pride of Place”, a comparative ethnography of four U.S. towns with a growing or emerging population of lesbian and bisexual women, explores how social actors engage in the interconnected construction of self-identity and place character and how these constructions shape residential choices, as well as local political, economic, social and cultural dynamics. Through observation, interviews, and analysis of Census data, the project will document and analyze 1) the residential choices and migration patterns of lesbian and bisexual women, 2) the social, political, economic and cultural dynamics of their networks and the character and dynamics of the towns to which they move, and 3) the relationship between concentrations of lesbian and bisexual women in the four sites and broader migration patterns. In the summer of 2008 she collected data in Ithaca, New York, in December she began data collection in a new site and will spend this coming summer in a third site.
From Dr. Anne Figert, Graduate Program Director:

O.K. so most of you know that I have spent the Fall Semester on research leave. The end is in sight and my commitments are revving up again. While trying to come up with a topic for this newsletter, I settled on the issue of writing and the research process. After all, that is what I have been doing for the last couple of months. This has been the first time since my own graduate school days that I have had the time to read, think and write unfettered by meetings, classes and a half hour commute into work. What a privilege I’ve been given!

I should state up front that I really don’t like to write. I love reading, analyzing and engaging in the research process but I have always found writing to be a bit of a chore. I was always good at writing papers for classes. There were specific questions to be answered and a time limit. But writing a thesis, dissertation or book is a different type of scholarship than writing a class paper. It’s you and the computer. It’s you and your thoughts. It’s you. As a scholar, you have to provide your own internal drive and motivation to sit in front of the computer and type. You have to set aside time every day to get it accomplished.

When you are at the thesis/dissertation stage, your advisor can prod, provoke or otherwise encourage you but ultimately it is up to you. I’ve talked with a number of graduate students throughout the years who wonder whether or not they can finish. Some do and many don’t. There are countless distractions and obstacles. Ultimately it is up to them (and you) to finish. I want to encourage you to overcome your own self doubts and many distractions (family, jobs, hobbies…you know, having a life) and sit in front of the computer. Write and finish that degree.
Kudos and Announcements

Congratulations

Meghan Burke, a 6th year graduate student in our program, has recently accepted a tenure-track position at Illinois Wesleyan University, in Bloomington, IL, beginning in the fall 2009 semester. Meghan’s primary teaching responsibility at IWU will be social theory, although she will also continue to teach and research in race and social inequalities. Meghan is on track to graduate with her Ph.D. in May.

During her time at Loyola, Meghan has received a variety of awards and fellowships. She has won our department’s graduate student awards for both teaching and research excellence. She has also earned competitive fellowships in teaching and research, the Teaching Scholars Fellowship and the Schmitt Fellowship. This year, she also earned a nationally competitive HUD dissertation grant for her work on stably diverse communities and their active residents. Meghan has also been an active participant at regional and national conferences. Although she was either unfunded or non-permanently funded during her M.A. work here at Loyola, she was able to keep moving forward in the program and establish a sound teaching and publishing record, which she feels prepared her well for life on the tenure track.

internet message board for the graduate sociology department
http://loyolasociology.proboards.com

Panels by LUC students at SSSR:

“Comparing Immigrant and Non-immigrant Congregations” Zubeyir Nisanci

“Understanding Religious Responses to Homosexuality: Applying a Two-Dimensional Approach” Fred Kniss, Todd Fuist, Laurie Cooper Stoll

Presentations

Bhoomi Thakor presented “It’s the Media, Stupid!: The Influence of Media Coverage on Urban Stereotypes” at the Association of Black Sociologists conference, Boston, July 2008

Bhoomi Thakor and Julie Hilvers will present “I can make better decisions with my life and future’: An Evaluation of the Unhooked Women in Prostitution Program” at the Urban Affairs Association conference, Chicago, March 2009

Congratulations to Katherine Cermak, who earned her Ph.D. in December for her dissertation titled, “Staying the Course: Retention and Graduation of the 2000 Freshman Cohort at a Catholic, Urban University.” (And no, it’s not about Loyola!)
around the department
around the department

Is this thing working?

I’ve got my eye on you...

I’ve escaped... to a room with a view!

I’ve got my eye on you...
Here are some of the responses to the fall edition of our newsletter.

When I retired in ’03 I got bored and went and became an adjunct professor at Edgewood College here in Madison. Since then, I have focused my attention on being an Executive Coach in Leadership, Team Building and Communications to academia. My focus is at the Chancellor…Vice-Chancellor…President and Dean Level. I have written two books since 2004 (“How to be First, Daring & Different” and “Be the Leader of the Pack”) and am thinking of a third.

Please tell Dr. Fredericks I send my best…He still remains a positive catalyst for me personally in my LU days! I learned much from him. He challenged me and fortunately for me…I responded! His legacy will live forever in my mind and heart…not to mention all those other students he helped to make a positive difference take place in their lives. John Crnokrak, Class of ’62

Great newsletter. Thanks for sending it. There was no sociology department newsletter when I attended Loyola 1965-68, and no e-mail either, for that matter. I graduated from Loyola in 1968 with a BS (or was it a BA?) in sociology, and I’ve always believed it provided me with a good perspective from which to view the world. It’s not the only perspective, but it’s a good one.

In August I left the Chicago Tribune after a 38-year career in the metropolitan section, mostly as a reporter and occasionally as an editor. My last assignment was covering county government in Du Page County.

Sociology is, I believe, an excellent academic background for anyone who aspires to interpret and chronicle the events, trends and people of his or her times. So please make your students study hard and learn as much as they can on how their society and others evolved over time and responded to challenges. Believe me, the more they know, the better. Joe Sjostrom

Well I never thought my degree in sociology would help me job-wise. I’m retired law enforcement and military and insurance investigation. But I got tired of being retired and because of my degree - and in spite of my age (72) and the economy - this past February I was hired by Los Angeles County and currently am a Child Social Worker in an Emergency Response unit in the Compton, California office of the Department of Children and Family Services. Thank God for my degree form Loyola. I can’t think of a better job than looking after the well being of the innocent, defenseless little ones, and some not so little. Larry Loughlin

Upon leaving Loyola in 1967 I have led a very fruitful life, four children, four grandchildren, several careers, etc. I have never forgotten my Jesuit experience. I call upon it frequently. To give you an idea of these 40+ years I refer you to two of my web sites: www.stratocrat.com and www.ThySpirit.com. I am also
the host of an on-line radio talk show which can be accessed at www.modavox.com/VoiceAmericaBusiness, which airs each Thursday at 2PM Pacific Time. **Milton Lopes, Ph.D. (AB, Loyola 1967)**

I'm looking forward to the Sociology newsletter. Thanks for the email. **Jim Binsfeld ’67**

When I graduated from Loyola U. with a BS in Sociology, my first position was to be a caseworker for Cook County Dept. of Children and Family Services. This entailed working with foster children & adoptions. My caseload was over 50 teenage boys with a few younger members. Medically I developed ulcers and had to look for other work.

I went into sales, initially with pharmaceuticals, to finally Motorola Radios with the State & Local Government division. Retired from there in 1993, and went to work for Sangamon County Emergency Telephone System Department or better known as Enhanced 911. My title is unique, it is Field Addressing Researcher. I deal with everything dealing with addresses in Sangamon County, IL., this is the county where Springfield our State Capitol is. I address all new construction for the county and local governments for 911. I correct all addressing that is incorrect for 911 under my jurisdiction.

This position is interesting and challenging. My education in Sociology was extremely helpful in all my positions in my career. Knowing the interaction of individuals in groups and the development of population expansion and change has stood me well. I ’m approaching 65 and hope to work for a few more years because my currant position allows me challenges and enjoyment.

My time at Loyola has prepared me in more ways than just my major in Sociology. The thorough roundedness in several disciplines and the making of a knowledgeable person has contributed to being a valued member of society. Thank You very much. **Joe Kloba Class of ’66.**

Thanks for the newsletter! I really enjoyed hearing news of the Sociology department as I had classes with many of the faculty mentioned. Looking forward to the next one! **Christine Chvatal A&S ’89**

In 1960, I graduated with a major in sociology and a minor in psychology. I was intending to go on to graduate school in Industrial Relations at Loyola, but Father Theodore Purcell, S.J., suggested I apply to the business schools at Harvard and Chicago--something that had never crossed my mind. I had taken a great course with Father Purcell where we went through his book about workers at Swift, *The Worker Speaks His Mind on Company and Union*, including tape recordings of interviews with workers. I took his advice and was rejected by Harvard but accepted by the University of Chicago. At Chicago, I was a research associate at the Industrial relations center and president of the Business Club. One of my professors was George Shultz, who would later serve as Secretary of Labor, Secretary of the Treasury, and Secretary of State. I received an MBA in 1962 with a concentration in Industrial Relations.

My first job had nothing to do with sociology. It was with Allstate Insurance Company, working in Corporate Planning and Operations Research, where I learned a little about programming computers. The most interesting project was measuring the performance of Allstate's common stock portfolio relative to the market--something that had never been done before (they beat the market, but not by a lot). **continued**
In 1966, I left Allstate to join the Chicago and North Western Railway Company as director of financial planning. At C&NW, I was involved in railroad mergers and on one project worked with consultant W. Edwards Deming.

In 1969, my job at the railroad was eliminated as a result of the merger of Northwest Industries and a conglomerate named Philadelphia and Reading. I decided to seek a job in management consulting. I was allowed to stay on until the end of the year while I looked for a job. A week before year-end, I received an offer from Hewitt Associates. Hewitt had 125 employees at the time and specialized in employee benefit consulting. I worked at the headquarters which was housed in the old summer home of Joseph Medill Patterson on Milwaukee Avenue at Route 60 in Libertyville, Illinois. Hewitt eventually relocated to Lincolnshire, Illinois, and relocated me to their New York office in 1972.

In 1973, while working on a flexible benefits project for client Xerox Corporation, I left Hewitt Associates to work for the client and became manager of employee benefits. In 1978, I left Xerox to take a job with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. I was manager of salaried employee benefits and foreign service administration at Ford's headquarters in Dearborn. My office was on the fourth floor of the "Glass House," eight floors below Henry Ford II.


A good part of my career in employee benefits dealt with developing flexible benefit programs. This often included employee focus groups that explained benefit choices and sought input from employees on what benefits they wanted. My sociology background was finally being put to good use. The course I had with Father Purcell on The Worker Speaks His Mind on Company and Union, was particularly germane.

In 2002, Hewitt Associates converted ownership shares to stock and made an initial public offering of its stock at $19. My ownership value quintupled. A few months later, I retired at age 62, with no particular plans--other than to pretend like it was a weekend or a vacation. I began to look into genealogy and never stopped, writing histories for our Irish and German ancestors and traveling to Europe to find distant cousins and homes. In 2004, I took a course in Web site development at nearby Norwalk Community College and now operate Web sites for my genealogy and for my parish, Saint Thomas More, in Darien, Connecticut.

Thank you Dr. Kniss for the info! Just to give you an update... I am a Sales Associate at Bloomingdales in Old Orchard Mall. I began a corporate track when I got hired 3 months ago, so basically I have to do my time in each leveled position for about a year, then I can move out of store and begin working in corporate. I became a vendor specialist, which is one level about floor salesmen and my next/last step will be the Selling Manager position. I believe my education and sociological experience has helped me to obtain my position and keep my sanity in the crazy world of retail. There is a lot of sociological work to be done in retail! Ethan Martinez-Ritchie
SOME RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ALUMNI

- Continuum: The Spring 2009 Continuum courses are now available for registering. There are a variety of non-credit programs spanning everything from the arts & culture to professional development. Alumni can visit LUC.edu/continuum or call Continuum at 312.915.6501 for more information.

- Alumni can also connect with fellow alumni around the world through the Loyola University Chicago Alumni Association Group on Facebook and the Loyola Alumni LinkedIn Group.

ALUMNI EVENT

- Loyola Alumni Men’s Basketball Game reception and game: Friday, February 27
  Join alumni at this reception and in cheering on the Ramblers at the game. Reception is at 6 p.m. on the second floor of Alumni Gym and the game against UIC is at 8 p.m. at the Gentile Center. The event is $15 if you register early, or $20 the day of the event. The price includes a ticket to the game, pizza, beer, pop, and snacks. Register by calling Alumni Relations at 312.915.7660 or visit LUC.edu/alumni.

Alumni Outreach Program

THE RESPONSE TO OUR FIRST ISSUE OF In Solidarity has been very positive!
Thank you to all who took the time to email comments and let us know what they are doing. We hope you enjoy our Spring edition.

As we said last semester:

In Solidarity is looking for news about you! As part of an effort to create greater solidarity between alumni and current faculty, staff, and students, the editors of this newsletter dedicate this section to those who have graduated and moved on, yet still remain here in spirit and passion.

The goals of this section are many:

- to increase networking opportunities within our academic “family;”
- to introduce and invite alumni to department events, lectures, brown bags, and colloquia;
- and most importantly, to keep the department updated about your lives. Did you get a new job? Any new little faces in the family portraits? Did you recently win an award? Let us know your news and we will gladly print it.

Please email all news and suggestions to the department chair, Fred Kniss (fkniss@luc.edu) or David G. Embrick (dembric@luc.edu). Let us know what you’d like to see in future issues.

We look forward to hearing from all of you!
From Dr. Marilyn Krogh, Undergraduate Program Director:

Thanks to alumni who spoke with current students about “Life After Loyola” in October-- Lindsey Vrost, from the National Opinion Research Corporation, Tara Becker from Cristo Rey High School with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and Emily Ruggles, from the Metropolitan Legal Aid Foundation. And thanks also to the graduate students who spoke about pursuing graduate school in sociology. Anyone considering graduate school should peruse the Guide to Graduate Programs in Sociology 2008, available from Rosa Negussie in Damen Hall 932.

The Student Life Working Group, under the direction of Dr. Wright, is continuing their research about the food service here at Loyola. They have completed a survey of student opinion and are working on interviews. They have presented their findings to some university administrators, and want to make the student voices heard in decisions about the food service. Their initial findings are posted on the department website, and they welcome new students to join their project.

Want to know how to get the most out of your undergraduate degree in sociology? Go to the American Sociological Association website at http://asanet.org. On the navigation bar on the upper right, click on “Students,” and then read the brief document “Navigating the Major.” The site also has other good resources for undergraduates, including information on research opportunities and the ASA Honors Program.

New Summer Course For the first time, the Urban Semester courses at CURL (Center for Urban Research and Learning) will be offered in the summer of 2009. The Urban Seminar and Urban Studies Research (Soc 335/Urb 397) will be available during the Eight Week Session (June 1 – July 24). Students take both courses to get an overview of contemporary urban issues and to contribute to a CURL research project, as well as to fulfill the core “Civic Engagement” value. Space is limited to only eight students, who must be juniors or seniors. Contact Dr. Krogh for more information.

Invitations to join the AKD, Alpha Kappa Delta, the Sociology Honor Society, will be issued in April. Advanced students with strong academic records will be asked to join and will be recognized at the annual sociology honors-graduation reception.

Undergraduate Alumni

All undergraduate alumni in the Chicago region, especially from the class of 2008, are invited to the home of Dr. Krogh to socialize over dessert on Sunday evening March 1 from 7-9 P.M.. Dr. Krogh lives in Hyde Park at 1409 East 54th Place. Please email her at mkrogh@luc.edu so she knows to expect you!
Turnout for our November media event was strong. The event involved a viewing of *30 Rock*, a discussion led by Meghan Burke and Monica Edwards on the issues of race and gender in the show, and pizza. We would like to continue our media series events with two more events. If anyone has any ideas about films, documentaries or shows they would like to watch and discuss in light of sociology contact Courtney Irby cirby@luc.edu.

Our annual mini-conference will be held on March 20 in McCormick Lounge. Look for our Call for Submissions by the end of January. Information will be posted on our bulletin board on the 9th floor.

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**New peer-reviewed journal, Sociological Insight, publishes undergraduate papers.**

Sociology majors should consider submitting their best work.

This year, the University of Texas sociology department has launched *Sociological Insight*, a journal of sociology aimed at attracting the best undergraduate sociology papers in the nation for publication. In addition, Sociological Insight will include reviews to be written by graduate students and faculty, and will publish short essays from, and interviews with, prominent professionals and activists who can give an "insider's perspective" on sociological happenings. The journal has instituted a full peer-review process, in which each manuscript will be reviewed by one undergraduate student, one graduate student, and one faculty (specialized in the manuscript's subject matter). [http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/sociology/insight/](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/sociology/insight/)

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**Sociology Club**

The Sociology Club meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in DH 957.

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**Undergrad Opportunities**

- Jan 31   ASA Minority Fellows Program application deadline
- Feb 1   ASA Undergraduate Honors Program for ASA annual meeting deadline
- The Loyola Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (LUROP) has 8 undergraduate research programs connecting faculty mentors with UG students as research assistants. The upcoming deadline for many of these programs (Mulcahy Scholars, Provost Fellows, etc.) is March 1, 2009. More information may be found at www.luc.edu/lurop .

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**T-shirts** $12.00 - cash only - DH 918
Sociology Spring 2009 Colloquium Series
All events are 3 - 5 pm unless otherwise noted.

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