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Hello Sociologists,

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our Spring 2023 department newsletter. We are always looking for new ways to reconnect and share with Loyola alumni and current department members. If you have any new news, old news, or just any news that you'd like to share, please send it to us. Please also feel free to share any pictures you have with us—we would love to “see” as well as “hear” from you.

As you will see in this newsletter our department is thriving and great things are afoot. Discover what our students and faculty have been up to this academic year. Check out news of recent awards and accomplishments.

In addition to receiving your news items, we look forward to hearing comments about the newsletter or your suggestions for features and articles you might like to see. In the meantime, here's to another great semester at Loyola and in the Department of Sociology.

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Message from the Chair, Dr. Peter Rosenblatt



Greetings once again from Coffey Hall! Another academic year has wound to a close, with students sent off from campus just as it's starting to turn green.

With summer stretching ahead of us, I'm pleased to look back at a busy year with plenty to reflect on and celebrate.

Our graduate program alumni featured in the department's big events this spring. Reuben Jonathan Miller (Ph.D. 2013) was our featured speaker for the annual Eleanor Fails Alumni Lecture. Reuben, as we have mentioned in these pages before, is a 2022 MacArthur Fellow. At this event we were treated to a thoughtful and moving dissection of the presumption of black criminality in America- for more check out Reuben's book *Halfway Home*.

Later in the spring, the department hosted the Chicago Ethnography Conference. This annual event features graduate student work and rotates between Chicago-area schools, drawing presenters from across the country. This year the keynote speakers were C.J. Pascoe and our own Ph.D. alum Gwendolyn Purifoye (Ph.D. 2014). Gwendolyn gave an insightful and engaging talk reflecting on what it means to observe inequality in Chicago public transit systems- we are eagerly awaiting her book.

The spring semester also featured our graduate alumni Quintin Williams (Ph.D 2021), Nicole Rousseau (MA 2001), and Chris Salituro (MA in Chicago Studies 2004) in a panel discussion on doing sociology outside of the academy. This event was co-sponsored by the department's graduate student association and is something we'd like to repeat- please let us know if you are interested in sharing your experiences applying sociology in a non-academic setting.

Finally, the semester closed with a farewell to Rhys Williams. After 15 years at Loyola, Rhys has retired and moved to Massachusetts to join Kelly Moore. Rhys spent 9 of those years as department chair, during which he, along with Anne Figert who served as chair from 2016-2019, oversaw a real period of transition. All but three of our current fulltime faculty were hired by Rhys or Anne; this leaves a clear and promising legacy for the department's future. Please see our article below for more tributes to Rhys.

So welcome to the Sociology Department Spring Newsletter! Take a look at what else faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates have been up to. As always, please reach out to us with other news and accomplishments- who knows, I might even plug your book.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Rosenblatt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Faculty *Kudos and Announcements*

Dr. Dana Garbarski published “The Measurement of Gender Expression in Surveys.” *Social Science Research* 110, 102845. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2022.102845>.

Dr. Dana Garbarski co-published “Null Effects of Framing Welcoming Ordinances.” *Survey Practice* 16 (1), with David Doherty and Pablo Guzman Rivera. <https://doi.org/10.29115/SP-2023-0002>.

Dr. Garbarski co-published “Cook County Community Survey: A Study on Policing and Neighborhood Perceptions” with David Doherty and LUC Sociology grad students Keyla Navarrete and Skky Martin in the Illinois Municipal Policy Journal.

Fr. Patrick Gilger gave the keynote lecture, titled “Public Religions in a Secular Age: the Role of the Focolare” for the annual Hearth for the Human Family conference in San Antonio — <https://youtu.be/82gpvIBOReQ>.

Fr. Patrick Gilger gave the annual Jesuit Lecture, this year titled “Relearning Belonging”, for St. Paul’s College in Winnipeg — <https://youtu.be/hX7BDd9r0rU>.

Fr. Patrick Gilger completed and submitted a new book chapter titled “Powers of Publicity: Religious Innovation and Democratic Renovation” for Jose Casanova’s festschrift *A Quarter Century of Public Religions*.

Fr. Patrick Gilger was invited to lecture, along with Baylor sociologist of religion Dr. Kevin Dougherty, to Boston College to participate in an event on religion and tattoos entitled “Blood, Ink, and Prayers.”

Fr. Patrick Gilger was named the Fall ’23 Teilhard Chair here at Loyola.

Dr. Teresa Gonzales, was named the winner of the very competitive *Linda Hon Prize for Research in Public Interest Communications (\$10,000)* at the University of Florida,

College of Journalism this past weekend. She was awarded the Hon Prize for her recent scholarly article: [The Stories We Tell: Colorblind Racism, Classblindness, and Narrative Framing in the Rural Midwest](#). The Center for Public Interest Communications at the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications annual *Linda Hon prize* celebrates peer-reviewed research from disciplines that span behavioral, cognitive and social sciences that inform the growing discipline of public interest communications.

Dr. Teresa Gonzales gave talks on her book, [Building a Better Chicago: Race & Community Resistance to Urban Redevelopment](#), at the



University of California Berkeley's Institute for the Study of Social Issues and at Georgia State University's Urban Studies Institute.

Dr. Teresa Gonzales was elected to the Membership and Outreach Committee (2023-2026) for the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

Dr. Teresa Gonzales was awarded a Loyola University of Chicago summer research stipend for her project, “Grounds for Play: Race, Space, and Joyful Cities.”

Faculty *Kudos and Announcements*

Dr. Teresa Gonzales was paired with Emma Bickford for the CAS Undergraduate Summer Research Experience for her to work on Teresa's project, "Playful Communities: Analyzing interview data collected by Latino men who use public parks" (Project SSCI6).

Dr. Minwoo Jung's interview with graduate students at the University of Toronto has been published in *The Taiwan Gazette*. In this interview, Minwoo reflects on his multi-sited ethnography, his changing positionality throughout the fieldwork process, the challenges of conducting research that engages with activism, the tensions between Western theories and non-Western contexts, and the difficulties of navigating US academia as an international scholar: [Jung, Minwoo. 2023. "A Graduate Student Workshop with Minwoo Jung." *The Taiwan Gazette*.](#)

Dr. Minwoo Jung has given invited lectures based on a chapter of his book project at the National Taiwan University (Department of Sociology), Northwestern University (Department of Sociology), University of Minnesota (Department of Sociology), and Lancaster University (Centre for Gender Studies, virtual).



Dr. Minwoo Jung was recognized as the runner-up for the inaugural Adolfo Nicolas SJ Excellence in Engaged Learning Faculty Award from Loyola's Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship.

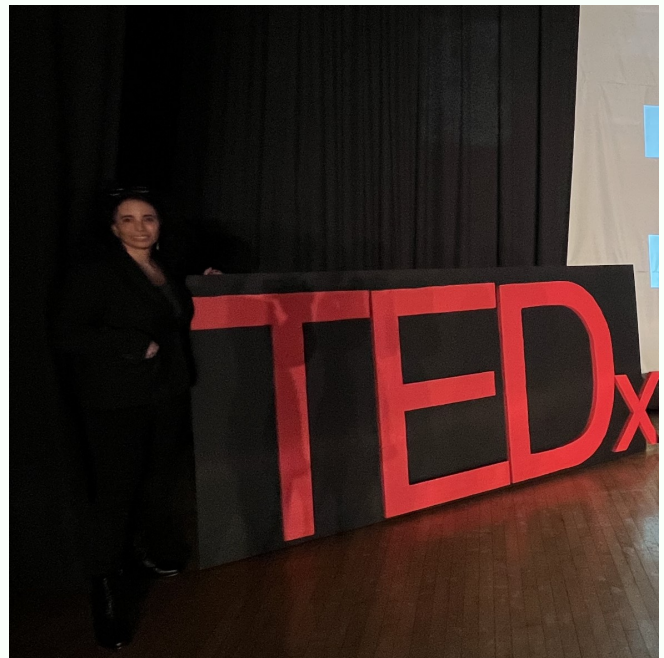
Dr. Minwoo Jung won the Summer Research Stipend Award from Loyola's Office of the Provost for his book project.

Dr. Minwoo Jung was recognized as the winner of the 2023 Transformative Educator Award from Loyola's Center for Diversity and Inclusion.

Dr. Minwoo Jung joined the editorial board of the new book series, "Gendering Asian Society, Politics, and Development" at Amsterdam University Press.

Dr. Minwoo Jung was recognized as a top finalist for the 2023 Peter Hans Kolvenbach Award for Engaged Teaching from Loyola's Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy.

Dr. Elise Martel gave a talk titled "[Misplacement Test](#)" at a TEDx event on Saturday 2/11/23 organized around the theme of Adolescents Handling Adversity (AHA).



In February, **Christopher Salituro** was a co-facilitator at a teaching sociology workshop for about 40 high school teachers. The workshop, held in Wheaton, IL, included keynote presentations by Tonika Johnson of Folded Map and Mariya Krysan from UIC's Sociology Dept., as well as lesson sharing session.

Dr. Rhys Williams Retirement



Rhys arrived at Loyola in 2009 as the first externally-hired chair in the department's history. The sociology department at that time consisted mostly of tenured faculty, many of whom held the rank of Full Professor. One could imagine the potential pitfalls of taking on such a role- an

“outsider” charged with leading a department consisting of established and long-serving faculty. Yet in a testament to his leadership, his personality, and his strong record of scholarship, Rhys was able to manage that role with aplomb and oversee significant changes to the department. Fifteen years later, the department has gone through a series of retirements and new hires, and now consists mostly of faculty hired in the past decade under Rhys and Anne Figert. Rhys has served three terms as department chair, for a total of 9 years.

As chair, Rhys:

oversaw 36 semesters/summer sessions of course scheduling for a total of more than 270 courses, taught by grad students, full-time faculty and adjuncts, including the shift to on-line learning in March 2021 and ever-changing scheduling demands of CAS and the university as they tried to sort out what to do;

provided exceptional faculty mentoring, especially for untenured faculty;

oversaw the hiring of seven new faculty members (with just four retirements);

steered us through a CORE revision;

oversaw, with Judson Everitt, our thriving undergrad major and Anthro/SocI major, drawing an increasing number of exceptionally talented and diverse students with a wide range of careers and deeply interesting and sophisticated research projects;

with Anne Figert, Marilyn Krogh, and Kelly Moore, oversaw a very strong grad program whose graduates work in research and teaching positions

in academia, for government, nonprofits and for-profit companies. The Sociology graduate students win an outsized number of university fellowships compared to the department size, including those in teaching, service and research. The Sociology students have also contributed their expertise to many parts of the campus, including CURL, the Graduate School, Libraries, and Student Diversity and Multi-cultural Affairs;

successfully advocated for the Sociology Department with the Dean's and Provost's Office, working with three different Deans and three different Provosts.

At the same time he was Chair, he has served the university and college in many ways that have brought visibility to our department, contributed to its intellectual endeavors, and contributed to the governance of our department, College, and University. These include:

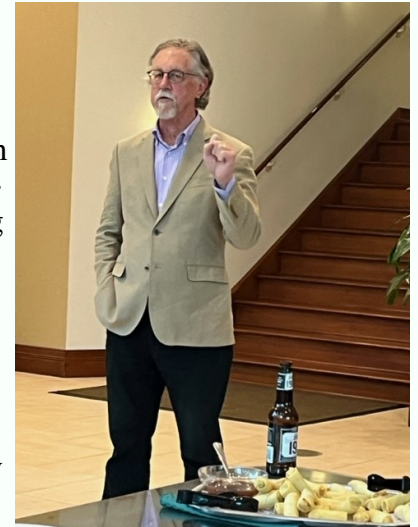
chairing the Dean of the Graduate School Search Committee that resulted in hiring sociologist Emily Barman;

serving as a member of the university and the CAS Tenure and Promotion Committees;

Serving on panels and projects on religion, race, immigration and politics that draw attention to the department's strengths.

While carrying out these administrative and service activities outside the department, he has been on 29 dissertation committees (chairing 14), 13 MA committees (chairing 10), and 22 Comprehensive exam committees (chairing 16).

At the same time, he has published 17 articles and 3 books, including with students, and served on the Executive Council of the American Sociological Association (twice), as Chair or on ASA Commit-



Rhys at his department retirement party, May 2023.

Dr. Rhys Williams Retirement

tees in Political Sociology, Religion, Culture and Social Movements, and as President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, thus bringing further visibility and attention to our department, while carrying out the full complement of external tenure and promotion reviews and letters, grant panels, and journal and book reviews.

Tributes to Dr. Rhys Williams from graduate students.

Nathalia Hernandez: “Throughout the years, Rhys and Kelly became the family I left behind in my country, my affective anchor in a city that felt foreign and extremely, and sometimes strangely, empty . . . I always will remember with joy our lively discussions in the classroom, the challenges of writing the essays for his classes and answering precise and thoughtful questions, and the earthly quality of his spirit.”

Corina Kane: Rhys “granted me the ability to redo a final paper for SOCL 412 that I had missed the mark on. You reminded me with extreme kindness that you want me (and all of your students) to succeed through legitimate trial-and-error.”

Jon Niedorf: “You helped me process and manage the headaches, drama, and failures of research, as well as celebrate and appreciate the successes. I’ve not forgotten those conversations and those lessons still guide me in my work today.”

Kate Bachtell (Dalton): “Thanks for helping me learn to stretch my thinking while navigating research administration.”

From Todd Fuist: “Rhys was a great model for what an academic advisor should be: someone who clearly loves ideas and enjoys talking about them with you. Rhys both pushed me to be a better, more thoughtful scholar while also showing me that this job can and should, occasionally, be fun.”



Fr. Paddy Gilger delivering remarks at Rhys’ department retirement party, May 2023.



UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

From Dr. Judson Everitt, Undergraduate Program Director



Greetings to all and happy spring/summer!

Our Graduation and Awards Ceremony on May 2 was a tremendous success. Thanks to all who were able to attend – McCormick Lounge was a packed house! Many congratulations to all of our graduating seniors as well!

While many of you have your fall schedules set, I would also like to advise those of you early in the process of fulfilling your sociology major requirements to take a close look at our other 100-level courses, our Tier II core courses. These courses count towards the

major, are usually smaller in size than 101 sections, go more in-depth on particular substantive topics in sociology, and offer opportunities for closer faculty interaction in the context of a class. These classes cover topics of broad interest including: race and ethnicity (SOCL 122), urban sociology (SOCL 125), religion (SOCL 145), sex and gender (SOCL 171). Moreover, each of these classes equip students with a broad basis on substantive topics you are likely to engage in subsequent elective courses.

Important update: we have recently added SOCL 250 (Inequality in Society) to the Tier II Core! It will also be offered in Fall 2023. This is a foundational course in the

discipline and makes a nice addition to the Core Curriculum in Societal and Cultural Inquiry.

Last year, we began assigning students faculty advisers. Please be in touch with your adviser. If you are unsure who your adviser is, please feel free to contact me.

Finally, be on the lookout over the summer for a new and improved Sakai site for SOCL Majors/Minors. Forthcoming...

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the undergraduate program in sociology, and best wishes for a restful yet productive summer!

Undergraduate *Kudos and Announcements*

Siena Barasci received a Community Engagement Award from CELTS at the Undergraduate Research and Engagement Symposium.

Sruti Bhakta will be attending Master of Social Work program at U Penn in the fall.

Isabel O'Connor received an Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award from CELTS at the Undergraduate Research and Engagement Symposium.

Fredericks Scholarship Recipients:

Katherine Woziwodzki
Haleigh Bachman
Mia Sedory
Isabel O'Connor
Emma O'Driscoll

Gallagher Award for Outstanding Sociology Senior:

Sruti Bhakta & Emma O'Driscoll

Ross P. Scherer Award for Outstanding Sociology Junior:

Elie Katzman-Jacobson & Jonathan Nerenberg

Judith Wittner Award for Social Justice in Action:
Mary Pearce Seawell

Durkheim Award for Outstanding Sociology and Anthropology Senior:
Lena Hirsch

Capstone Distinction Papers:

Sruti Bhakta
First- and Second-Generation Indian American Parents and Their Perceptions of Mental Health

Elise Damasco
Beyond the Books: College Students' Use and Perception of the Academic Library

Isabel O'Connor
Predatory Placement: Temp Agencies as a Barrier to Social Mobility for the Marginalized Worker

Grace Ramirez
The Ethics of Exclusion: An Analysis of U.S. Immigration Policy in an Age of Anthropogenic Climate Change

Graduate Report

From Dr. Marilyn Krogh, Graduate Program Director



It's spring! After a rather rainy winter season, the sun is shining and we just celebrated the graduation of five master's students and one doctoral student. Congratulations to **Maria Lis, Rachel Troeger** and **Austin Wonder**, who completed their degrees in December 2022, as well as to **Bao Tran Nguyen** and **Maggie Jones**, who completed their

degrees in May 2023. **Skky Martin** walked in commencement and was feted by her enthusiastic extended family for earning her Ph.D.. Our best wishes to all of them as they take the next steps in their lives!

We are also delighted to congratulate **Christopher Hansen**, who has been awarded a Schmitt Fellowship, enabling him to work full time on his dissertation in the coming academic year. And as noted below, we have good news from our alumni, who have secured teaching positions from coast to coast! We are very proud of their contributions to the larger academic community.

This spring semester was chock-full of special events in the graduate program. In February, we welcomed alumnus **Dr. Rueben Miller**, as the featured Eleanor Fails Lecture speaker, to cap off an afternoon of presentations by current graduate students. **Maggie Jones** and **BT Nguyen** received awards for their presentations.

In March, two outside reviewers spoke with administrators, faculty members and students, and produced an Academic Program Review report proposing several new initiatives that the department could pursue, benefiting both undergraduate and graduate students. The department is considering these recommendations and hopes to begin to act on them in the fall. More details will be forthcoming!

April 22 was a double-event day. Students **Maggie Jones**, **Bao Tran Nguyen** and **Keyla Navarrete** participated in the 16th Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Research Symposium, which was organized by **Lillian Platten** with assistance from **Julie Szamocki**. And that same day, Loyola Sociology hosted the 23rd Chicago Ethnography Conference, with presentations from students all over the country, including our own **Kajal Patel** and **Ahmet Ciftcioglu**, and featuring alumna **Dr. Gwendolyn Purifoye** and keynote speaker **Dr. C.J. Pascoe**. Thanks to all the people who worked "behind the scenes" to make this day a success, especially faculty member **Dr. Judson Everitt**.

A reminder: the department has **funds to support research by graduate students**. For example, these funds can pay for incentives for interviewees, transcription software, or travel to a conference where you are giving a paper. (They cannot be used for stipends to graduate students). Contact Dr. Rosenblatt with information on your research and your request. Please note: the department must spend the money before the end of the fiscal year, **June 30**.

This summer we have the unusual privilege of offering not one, but two graduate courses. **Dr. Minwoo Jung** is teaching a class on writing for publication, and **Dr. Judson Everitt** is leading a class on teaching sociology in college. It's not too late to register for these, but don't delay! Dr. Jung's class is starting on **May 22** and Dr. Everitt's class starts **July 3**. And anyone who hasn't registered yet for fall 2023 classes, please contact me to make your decisions. Best wishes for a good summer, and we look forward to seeing many of you in the fall!

Marilyn Krogh

Graduate Student

PUBLICATIONS ♦ AWARDS ♦ FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS

Joseph Butler started a position as the Director of Diversity and Development for UChicagoGRAD, a promotion that came after 11 months as the Diversity Outreach Coordinator. Joseph's primary responsibilities are recruiting and retaining students from underrepresented backgrounds from the various graduate programs.

Christopher Hansen was selected to receive a SAGE Publishing Keith Roberts Teaching Innovations Award. This award supports participation in the Section on Teaching and Learning's pre-conference workshop at the 2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Christopher has been awarded the **Arthur J. Schmitt Leadership Scholars Fellowship** for aca-

demic year 2023-24. This fellowship supports students who are in the last stage of writing their dissertations, and recognizes not only the intellectual merit of their dissertation, but also, importantly, their leadership contributions on campus and beyond. Christopher's dissertation is titled, "Measuring Gender Diversity in U.S. Adolescents: Exploring Multidimensional Survey Measurement with a National Sample of Adolescent-parent Dyads."

Maggie Jones won the top honors at the Sociology graduate symposium for her presentation. Maggie also won the award for excellence in gender analysis at the symposium and subsequently was given a spot to present her research in the Women and Gender Studies' Feminist Lecture Series on April 12.

Graduate Student

PUBLICATIONS ♦ INTERNSHIPS ♦ FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS



Maggie won first place at the Midwest Sociological Association's 3-Minute Thesis Competition.

Maggie completed her thesis "Building Strength versus Getting Lean: An Analysis of the Gendered Nature of Fitness In CrossFit, Barre, and Personal Training" which looked at the role gender plays in fitness organizations.

Melissa Kinsella recorded a podcast interview with Dr. Michael Halpin regarding his article *Weaponized Subordination: How Incels Discredit Themselves to Degrade Women* which can be found in *Volume 36 Issue 6 of Gender & Society*. The article and podcast discuss Dr. Halpin's findings about men who perceive themselves as subordinate using their perceived subordination to legitimize their denegation of women. The podcast will be available on [Sage's](#) podcast collections for *Gender & Society* as well as [Gender & Society's](#) word press site.

In March 2023, **Melissa** presented at the Midwest Sociological Society's (MSS) Annual Meeting. Melissa's presentation was entitled, "MeToo in 2023: Preliminary Findings from a Content Analysis of the MeToo Movement on Twitter." Before the conference, Melissa served as a volunteer session organizer for the 2023 Annual Conference. The 2023 Conference also marked the beginning of her terms as a Member of the Scholarship Development Committee and a Member of the Committee on Women in the Profession.

Dana LaVergne was appointed student director of MSS. This position is a three-year long position on the MSS executive board, and in this role, Dana will be working alongside the MSS president elect to plan next year's conference, as well chair the student issues committee.

Skky Martin co-authored an article titled "Cook County Community Survey: A Study on Policing and Neighborhood Perceptions," in the *Illinois Municipal Policy Journal*, with **Keyla Navarrete**, Dana Garbarski, and David Doherty.

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Policy Journal, with **Skky Martin**, Dana Garbarski, and David Doherty.

Keyla was awarded a three year summer teaching



fellowship at North Central College. Keyla will be working with [Freedom Scholars at North Central College](#) through the Shrimmer Great Books department. The entire program is funded by the [Knowledge for Freedom Foundation](#).



BT Nguyen won "Best Paper in Social Sciences" at the Graduate Interdisciplinary Symposium.

BT won the top honors at the Sociology graduate symposium for her presentation.

Lillian Platten co-wrote a blog post with **Ryan Wong** for the journal *Contexts* titled "we all play a part in creating mass shooters."

Juanita Vivas Bastidas presented "Environmental Hazards and the Racialized Burden of Stress," a project she has been working on with professors Dr. Akchurin, Dr. Cummings, and Dr. Garbarski, at the Midwest Sociological Society and the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research.

Juanita joined Professor Hansen's Sociology of Sexualities class as a guest lecturer and led a session called Sexualities and Sex Work.

Ryan co-wrote a blog post with **Lillian Platten** for the journal *Contexts* titled "we all play a part in creating mass shooters."

Ryan published an article in the journal *Contexts* titled "Revisiting Cancel Culture."

Ryan was a co-panelist at the BIPOC Social: Camaraderie event help by Graduate, Professional, & Adult Student Life.

Graduate Student Corner

GRADUATE AWARDS

Service award

Lillian Platten for serving as President of Graduate Student Advisory Council for 2022-23 AY and as the lead organizer for the 16TH ANNUAL GRADUATE SCHOOL Interdisciplinary Research Symposium.

Richard L. Block for Student Research in Urban Sociology/Public Policy

Juanita Vivas Bastidas Presented the project “Environmental Hazards and the Racialized Burden of Stress” at the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research (MAPOR) and the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS).

Bao-Tran Nguyen Master’s Thesis is titled, 'Engagement with Ethnic Practices: How Ethnic Communities Contribute to Second-Generation Asian American Assimilation.'

Wittner-Whalley for Outstanding Graduate Scholarship

Skky Martin for her dissertation, What's Medical School Got to Do With It?: The Role of Health Professionals and Medical Education in Maternal Health Disparities .

GRADUATE STUDENT DEGREES

MA—December 2022

Maria Louise Lis – Portfolio

Rachel Marie Troeger – Portfolio

Austin Robert Wonder – “Abolition Is Not Abstract: Zines and the Transmission of Revolutionary Cultural Capital”

MA—Spring 2023

BT Nguyen - “Second-Generation Asian American Identity and Contemporary Ethnic Communities”

Maggie Jones—“A Mixed Methods Analysis of Gender Across Three Fitness Organizations”

Ph.D. —Spring 2023

Skky Martin - What's Medical School Got to Do With It?: The Role of Health Professionals and Medical Education in Maternal Health Disparities (Distinction)

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA)

2022-23 GSA OFFICERS:

Faculty and Academic Relations Chair

Tori Olson

Student and Social Relations Chair

Julie Szamocki

Administrative Chair and MA Representative

BT Nguyen

GSA accomplishments for academic year 2022-2023:

- created bylaws for GSA so that future iterations of the executive council had increased guidance in structure and responsibilities
- combined the Alt-Ac Alumni Panel, the Fails Lecture, and the Sociology Graduate Student Symposium into one event
- organized and ran the Sociology Graduate Student Symposium, including free professional headshots and candid photos of presenters, organizers, and the Fails Lecture (let me know if you need the link to the photos)
- created a Sociology sweatshirt order form
- held events like the Ice Cream Social and Finals Study Event
- hosted the annual Town Hall event with the department chair
- attended faculty meetings and conveyed relevant information to graduate students through our monthly newsletter
- provided conference reimbursement of approximately \$1500 for graduate student attendance and presentation at conferences

Graduate Student Symposium

Lillian Platten—"You Can Prepare People for Harm Without Exposing Them to Small Doses of It": Institutionalism, Peer Culture, and Cultural Reproduction in Active Shooter Drills.

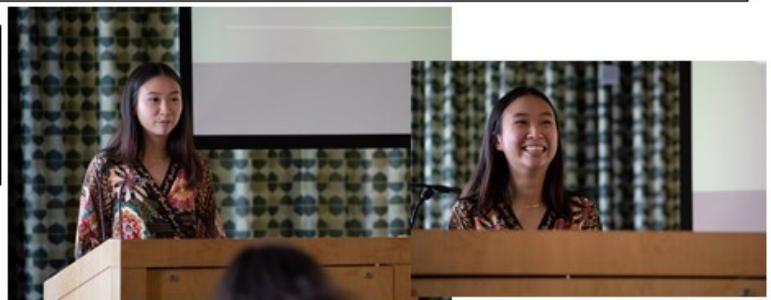


Kajal Patal—To Be Fair: Colorism and Online Dating Among Young South Asians.



BT Nguyen—Reconnecting to Our Roots: How Ethnic Communities Connect Second Generation Asian-Americans to New Understandings of Identity.

Max Xu—Differences in Self-Rated Health of Asian Americans by Nativity and National Origin.



Camillus Njoku—The Role of Religion in Illness Meaning and Coping Among Sub-Saharan African Christian Immigrants (SSACI) in the US.



Graduate Student Symposium

Fatema Zohara—Dating and Courtship Preference: Do Children of Muslim Bangladeshi Immigrants Want a Traditional Partner.



Ahmet Ciftcioglu—Turkey’s Neoliberal Turn in the Early 1980s: Key Actors and Resultant Socio-Political Implications.



Maggie Jones—Gendered Fitness: How Cross-Fit, Barre, and Personal Training Studios Send Disparate Messages about Gender, Fitness, and Health.



Joseph Butler—The State of Black Men in Higher Education.



Eyyup Yilmaz—The Uphill Battle of Young American Muslims: Building an Epistemological Bridge Between Islam and the West.



Alumni News

Ashley Baber will begin a tenured track position in the Sociology Department at Augsburg University to begin Fall 2023.

Ashley had a paper published titled: *Labour market engineers: Re-conceptualizing labour market intermediaries with the rise of the gig economy in the United States* in the journal *Work, employment and society* <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/09500170221150087>.

Ashley was invited by the London School of Economics to contribute to a blog on [United States Politics and Policy](#) based on the above publication. The title of the article will be: *Uber and Lyft do more than lobby regulators, they engineer markets for precarious labour*.

Ashley was nominated for the Magis Teaching award for part-time faculty at Loyola.

Ashley will be presenting a paper titled: *Forum shopping: How Uber and Lyft use multi-scalar state strategies, shaping regulations and expanding precarious work* at the 2023 ASA conference in Philadelphia.

Robin Bartram published a book in 2022 titled *Stacked Decks* on the issue of city building inspectors. Robin spoke at CURL this year and was quoted on the front page of [the Chicago Tribune on March 10th](#) about the danger of fires in unsafe Chicago buildings because of the broken inspection system.

Soulit Chako completed a post-doc in religion and urban culture at Indiana University Purdue University Indiana and is now an assistant professor at Boise State University in Idaho.

Jennifer Cossyleon, as senior policy and advocacy manager at Community Change, and along with researchers at NYU, released the first of-its-kind [landscape analysis](#) (and [executive summary](#)) of collective parent action across the country, the Parent Leadership and Organizing for Justice report. Based on the national survey, they found most grassroots leaders were Black and Latina moms and 88% of organizations said children attended organizing activities with their parents. You can also take a look at a recent Q&A feature with [Changewire](#).

Greg Hamill, a Sociology PhD alum from 2003, was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award this November at Oakton Community College. The award is given to one full-time faculty member each year by the Student Government Association and the Oakton Educational Foundation.

Nathalia Hernandez Vidal accepted a position as an Assistant Professor in the Sociology department at the University of Oregon, in Eugene. They offered an Assistant Professor position for Nathalia's husband in the Philosophy department as well. And, Nathalia and her husband will be having another child in June!

Brianna Howerton, an LUC Sociology alum from 2018, recently became a registered nurse in Montana.

Destiny Jacques (2022) will be pursuing a Master's of Science in Public Policy and Data Analytics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Public Policy and Practice this fall.

Jonathan Neidorf is a Researcher at the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota. Jonathan published a policy research brief: *Overrepresentation of people with IDD moving between large state-run institutions and the criminal legal system*.

Jonathan also co-authored a technical report, *Long-term supports and services for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities: Status and trends through 2019*.

Gwendolyn Purifoye has joined the core faculty of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies as assistant professor of racial justice and conflict transformation. at Notre Dame

Joseph Renow is happily teaching at Illinois Institute of Technology here in Chicago

Serhan Tanriverdi completed a post-doc at Wesley and is now working for an educational service company in New Jersey. He and his wife have a baby daughter.

Brittany Terry started a position as Senior Director of DEI at Center on Halsted. Brittany has a hand in building all diversity, equity, and inclusion programming offered by Center. This includes staff trainings, culture building, and community outreach.

Kyle Wooley is at Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, teaching and leading study-abroad, service immersions in Latin America.

Eleanor Fails Alumni Speaker Series



Reuben Jonathan Miller is the 2022 MacArthur Fellow and Associate Professor in the University of Chicago Crown Family School and in the department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity. He is also a Research Professor at the American Bar Foundation and affiliated faculty in the Department of Sociology and in the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights at UChicago.

An expert on issues of crime, punishment, racism, and poverty, he recently published a book *Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration*, an ethnography based on 15 years of research and practice with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people and their loved ones. *Halfway Home* won the Herbert Jacob Book Prize from the Law and Society Association, two PROSE Awards from the Association of American Publishers and was a finalist for a PEN America/John Kenneth Galbraith Book Award and the LA Times Book Prize.



A Native son of Chicago, Miller received his PhD from Loyola University Chicago, an MA from the University of Chicago, and a BA from Chicago State University. Miller lives with his wife and children on the city's Southside. We welcomed Reuben Jonathan Miller to the Loyola Sociology Department's 2023 Eleanor Fails Alumni Lecture where he gave a talk titled "Guilt."

