

Alumni News

Sheila Coleman Dineen (BA-1957) is Artist of the Month and will be displaying her oils at Royal Oak Library In Michigan in April 2019.

Gary Schlesinger (BA-1967) the Lake County Illinois Bar Association and Prairie State Legal Services awarded Schlesinger & Strauss, LLC, the Prairie State Legal Services Pro Bono Award for its dedicated work representing indigent clients at no fee in various family law cases.

Nicholas Hoeft (BA-2004), who received his Law Degree from Loyola in 2007, argued an estate tax case before the Illinois Supreme Court regarding four areas of Illinois tax law and sovereign immunity.

Ethan Frely (BA-2008) is very active in his community of Tigard, Oregon. He is Chair-Elect for the Board of Directors for Tigard Chamber of Commerce, and will be Chair of Board mid 2019. He represents the business community on a local Advisory Committee, the Tri-Met Community Advisory Committee, to advise on how the introduction of Light Rail will affect the local residents and businesses.

Ethan sits on the Board of Directors of an NPO called TDA (Tigard Downtown Alliance). The NPO is hired by the City of Tigard to manage all of the City events downtown.

Ethan is part of the Government Affairs of Policy and Procedures (GAPP) of the Chamber of Commerce to help decide the Chamber's stances on governmental issues. He was the MC of the Christmas Tree lighting, where he led the city in a countdown to help Santa light the tree. This was one of many events that Ethan has MC'd.

Omar Aquino (BA-2009A0, Illinois State Senator for the 2nd District, was appointed Chair of the Government Accountability and Pensions Committee. This new committee is tasked with regaining the trust of our constituents by making government more accountable when it comes to the pension system.

Meghan Burke 's (PhD-2009) book was published, *Colorblind Racism*. Wiley, 2018. She is the winner of The MSS Sociological Quarterly Award, an award that recognizes outstanding scholarship published in the TSQ for the last two years.

Jacylyn Bartow (BA-2012) recently graduated from Aurora University in December 2018 with her BSN and will start at Rush-Copley Medical Center in the ICU soon.

Diana Therese M. Veloso (PhD.-2012) is now an Associate Professor of the Behavioral Sciences Department at De La Salle University in the Philippines. She is on her third year of her term as the Graduate Studies Program Coordinator of the same department. She is the Guest Editor of the (forthcoming) Special Issue on the Sociology of Justice of Philippine Sociological Review. She is also the Editor-in-Chief of the Digest of the Office of Strategic Studies and Strategy Management of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Andy Greenia (BA-2013) joined the team at [Promise54](#) as a Consultant. Promise54 is a non-profit that partners with people and organizations in education to solve their toughest talent-related challenges related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Leah Durst (SANT-2014) accepted placement in the Advanced Migration Studies graduate program at University of Copenhagen. She received a Danish Government Scholarship which covers my tuition and an additional living stipend.

Kristen Surla (BA-2013) graduated with a masters in higher education LUC.

Steven Metzmaker (BA-2014) graduated from Texas A&M with a master's in higher education. He is the Undergraduate Residential Life Coordinator at Caltech.

Kathleen Flores (BA-2016) was accepted into the MBA/Health Management program at Concordia University.

Leslie Parraguez Sanchez (PhD-2016) was appointed as Profesora Asistente, Escuela de Trabajo Social UC at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Bill Byrnes (PhD-2018) has been hired as a policy analyst at Voices for Illinois Children in downtown Chicago! His work focuses on how various Illinois policies affect outcomes (health, education, community, etc.) for children in the state.

Addison Mauck (BA-2018) is a fellow with Challenge Detroit! She works as an event coordinator for the DTE Energy Foundation from Monday to Thursday, and on Fridays she works directly with a variety of Detroit non-profits, assisting in gathering community input and researching, testing, and fully developing new ideas to help build the non-profit's capacity and increase their impact. [Learn](#) more about Addison's fellowship.

Ibie Hart (2012) is Chief of Staff for Illinois State Senator Robert Peters (13th district).



Maria Blanco (BA-2018) and **Yariana Baralt Torres** (BA-2018) announced that LOUD BODIES has been selected as a Synapse Arts - New Works artist 2019. LOUD BODIES is a dance collective that aims to use dance as a platform for activism and social change. Through the New Works program they are creating a work about sexual expression and orientation, and how society chooses to perceive and accept it.

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Chris Lee Egan



Chris Lee Egan (MA-2012) is a senior software engineer at Google, working on Google Maps and other global projects.

At Google he spends a significant amount of time running and analyzing experiments, first for Google Search and now for Google Maps. He has also been doing advocacy for housing and housing affordability in the San Francisco Bay Area, both in helping to establish new advocacy orgs (such as East Bay Forward) and in working with local politicians and political campaigns on housing issues. Both his housing advocacy and professional work dovetail with the interests he had and developed at Loyola. He entered the program with a focus on urban sociology, which then got nurtured thanks in part

to having great access to CURL (particularly some brief time I spent with CURL's research on homelessness). He graduated with an additional interest in digital/new media, which Dr. Wright's mentorship helped to develop.

Chris looks back at his time in the Sociology MA program as a clear maturation in his ability to critique and reason. This maturation is thanks to the mentorship of Loyola's faculty (particularly Drs. Wittner, Langman & Wright), who taught what it meant to truly engage with subject matter--the difference between getting lost in the weeds versus thinking holistically and systematically. Professionally this systematic thinking has been invaluable in his work with data that is often ambiguous or unintuitive.

Laurie Cooper Stoll

On Friday, November 16, 2018 Sociology PhD Alumnus, [Laurie Cooper Stoll](#) spoke to a gathering of undergraduates and graduate students here at Loyola. Dr. Stoll is Associate Professor of Sociology and the Founding Director of The Institute of Social Justice at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Her lecture was titled *Making Sociology Public: Addressing Colorblind Racism in Schooling*. Dr. Stoll drew on her research in K-12 schools and professional development with educators as well as her experience as a publicly elected school board member to illustrate the complexities and contradictions of colorblindness in schools and illustrate some of the ways sociologists can move our work from the academy into the public sphere.

Dr. Stoll's new book, [Should Schools Be Colorblind?](#) is scheduled to be released in June 2019.



Laurie Cooper Stoll (bottom row, second from right) with faculty and graduate students



Laurie Cooper Stoll speaks about her research