Welcome!

We are thrilled to launch the inaugural edition of the DePaul Sociology Quarterly, otherwise known as DSQ! At the end of each quarter, DSQ will bring you the news and happenings of the department of sociology. We will share highlights of our curricular and program offerings, profile our faculty, staff, and students, and share contributions from our sociology community at DePaul. As you read through DSQ, you will discover how our community shares a common sociological perspective to question, explore, and engage in the world around us. You will find, here we do sociology: theory, methods, research, think critically, problem solve, observe, disrupt, and serve DePaul, Chicago, and our communities.

Special thank you to our graduate students, Amelia Rivas- editor of DSQ whose vision and planning made DSQ possible, and for the contributions from our GA’s Jenna O’Connor and Jake Stone. We are grateful for their efforts in helping to create DSQ.

Welcome to DSQ!

Tracey Lewis-Elligan
Associate professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology
Meet DSQ's Editor and Department Student worker!

My name is Amelia Rivas, and I'm the department's student worker this year! I assist the sociology department with various administrative tasks, and I work as a tutor for the athletics program. I am currently a Master's student in sociology here at DePaul, and I'm interested in cultural sociology. Specifically, I look at structural analyses of cultural products, predominantly in film and television, in connection with social patterns and events. In the future, I hope to pursue a career in research analysis and to continue to enjoy and critically think about media and pop culture.

Meet our Graduate Assistants!

"My name is Jenna O'Connor and I am a second year graduate student in the sociology program. I earned my first master's degree in gender/cultural studies, and completed a bachelor's degree in four years with three majors: English, Sociology, and Women's Studies. My areas of interest include critical theory (sociological, gender, cultural, and queer theories), collective behavior/social movements, production of knowledge, and political sociology. I specifically look at right-wing social movements, and am extremely partial to qualitative methodologies. I am currently working on organizing the Chicago Ethnography Conference to be held at DePaul this spring, and producing the best possible work I can for my thesis with the support of my advisers. If you want to talk theory, politics, my man Foucault, and the current state of the world, swing by my office hours. One way to stand up to neoliberalism is radical-on-the-ground-
"My name is Jake Stone and I have a few different jobs. First, I'm the graduate assistant in the sociology department. Second, I'm a service learning coordinator in the Steans Center. Third, I'm the owner and baker of a small baking business named Jake's Cakes. And finally, I'm a Master's student in sociology, focusing primarily on whiteness and its intersections with gender and sexuality. My interest in sociology sparked through my community organizing in college around racial justice, student debt, LGBTQ rights, and environmental justice. I'm hoping to move on to my PhD in sociology after this program to be able to teach and engage in community-based participatory research, merging my love for research and organizing. If anyone reading this needs help working through their ideas about their research, needs statistics support, or just wants to chat, swing by my office hours or send me an email to set up an appointment!"

Department News

Sociology Open House

The department kicked off Fall Quarter with an open house for Undergraduate and Graduate students to get to know faculty members and learn more about the available programs for Sociology.
The department also hosted professional development events for graduate students. The two events this quarter focused on topics of Ph.D. applications and sociologists in social media. Pictured here is Karen Willis, a professor at La Trobe University in Australia and co-editor in chief of *Health Sociology Review*, who joined in the conversation of social media via Zoom.
The Sociology Club

The Sociology Club is up and running! The club had their first meeting of the year this quarter and brainstormed ideas for future meetings, ways to connect with other on-campus organizations, and began developing a service project.

Want to get involved? Join the sociology club and meet with our members to dive deeper into sociology and connect with the campus! Email thesociologyclubdpu@gmail.com for more information.

This quarter, the department became the new home of the journal Sociological Perspectives under the co-editorship of Professor Black Hawk Hancock. Congratulations to Prof. Hancock!

The journal includes articles on topics of sociological inquiries and contributions by leading scholars on social processes and a variety of other social issues. Having the journal housed in the department gives graduate students the opportunity to participate in the journal as well as gain sociological skills. The only other university in Chicago to host a major sociological journal is the University of Chicago.

If you'd like to find out more about the journal or about ways to get involved, please contact Black Hawk Hancock at bhancock@depaul.edu!
Introducing the new sociology lecture series, Tabletop Talks! The new series, launched by Karyn Stewart, focuses on sharing faculty research with students and other faculty members as well as giving students an opportunity to interact with faculty members. This quarter, we had the pleasure to hear about Assistant Professor Karyn Stewart's research on Black women’s perspectives on maternal mortality:

"Dr. Karyn Stewart highlighted her work on black women's perspectives on maternal mortality through her Tabletop Talk on Wednesday, September 25th. Her current research on maternal mortality, stemming from a passion in maternal-child health, looks at how black women perceive narratives of racial disparities in maternal mortality. She has developed a connection with Access Community Health Network to facilitate recruitment and acquire mental health resources for subjects. Dr. Stewart's relationship with this community-based organization accentuates her dedication to conjoining theory with practical application, as this project will hopefully yield program development to support black women through Access Community Health Network and beyond."


Social Media

Are you following us? The Department also launched our new Instagram account this quarter, @depaulsociology. Follow us for quick access to department news and events, and to learn about campus events!
Winter Quarter Course Offerings

The department is offering a variety of courses for Winter Quarter! Check out the list of offered courses below, and enroll in Campus Connect!

**Undergraduate:**
- Soc 101: Introduction to Sociology
- Soc 105: Social Problems
- Soc 115: Orientation to Careers in Sociology
- Soc 214: Police and the Urban Community
- Soc 215: Workplace Environments and Career Development in Sociology
- Soc 221: Introduction to the US Health care system
- Soc 245: Urban Sociology
- Soc 256: Social Change
- Soc 279: Intro Stats for the Social Sciences
- Soc 290: Special Topics in Sociology – Animals in Society
- Soc 370: Sociology of Food, Identity, and Inequality
- Soc 380: Research Methods in Sociology I
- Soc 381: Research Methods in Sociology II
- Soc 390: Seminar in Sociology: Capitalism and US Immigration
- Soc 395: Capstone in Sociology

**Graduate:**
- Soc 405: Sociological perspectives
- Soc 411: Social Research
- Soc 414: Literature Review Writing Project
Faculty Spotlight

What have our faculty been up to this quarter?

Faculty members haven't just been teaching classes all quarter! Our professors and faculty have been appearing in various events and working on their own projects and research. Congratulations to all our faculty on their achievements this quarter!

Publications

Over the past year, our faculty have been busy publishing their work! Check out the list of recently published works below, and click on the link to view the book or article and read more about it.

- *Latin American Perspectives on the Sociology of Health and Illness*. Edited by Fernando De Maio, Ignacio Llovet and Graciela Dinard. Published by Routledge. 2018
This quarter, Fernando De Maio participated in a panel discussing racism and health. The panel discussion was held for a screening of "Cooked: Survival by Zip Code" at the Dive In Festival.
Dr. Michael Bennett was recently featured in a Chicago PBS WTTW Documentary, “A Court at the Heart of America?” which explored the effects the federal courts have had on shaping the lives within the greater Chicago community throughout the last 200 years.

The producers contacted Dr. Bennett about a year ago, requesting him to respond to the episodes’ major themes: the 200th anniversary of Northern District Court, as well as the landmark cases, or cases of huge significance, which have shaped the court system in Illinois; undoubtedly affecting communities, businesses, people, and families.

Dr. Bennett was interviewed for over an hour for the documentary, allowing him to speak on the life-long achievements and advances made within his career, directly related to the documentary’s overall purpose. Dr. Bennett’s graduate school field placement was at the Hyde Park Bank. It was from there that Hyde Park Bank’s President and three other bank principals left Hyde Park to form an investment group that purchased the South Shore Bank. Dr. Bennett then spent 23 years with the South Shore Bank, and its holding company, The ShoreBank Corporation.

From discussing the landmark Civil Rights’ decisions regarding housing, to Chicago’s notorious and restrictive red-lining; from the 1919 Race Riot ignited by the stoning of a young African American boy swimming in Lake Michigan, to the advances made from calling the Chicago Housing Authority to desegregate, Dr. Bennett was able to successfully cover the effects the federal courts have had on shaping the greater Chicago area over the last 200 years. His experience within the South Shore Bank allowed invaluable insight into the documentary’s primary focuses. In addition, the coverage can be explicitly linked to the current gentrification occurring all around Chicago, specifically affecting marginalized populations.

While spanning just under an hour, the documentary, as Dr. Bennett proclaimed, interviewed a number of interesting people, while also producing an educational product that will be utilized by scholars and activists alike. The documentary can be found here: https://schedule.wttw.com/episodes/485086/A-Court-at-the-Heart-of-America?tp=44dcfdd1-a1e3-4daf-b73a-2a9fe8254a3a

In October, Associate Professor John Joe Schlichtman appeared on
the DePaul Download, a DePaul-run weekly podcast that focuses on DePaul news and highlights faculty members and other experts. To listen to John's episode on education, gentrification, and inequality, click here.

Tracey Lewis-Elligan, was quoted in a WBEZ news story, “Abortion Restrictions in Surrounding States Draw Women to Illinois.” The story discusses the role of state restrictive abortion policies and its impact on women’s access to abortion. Find the story here.

Achievements

Congratulations to Fernando De Maio for his promotion to Full Professor in Fall 2019!

After spending 18 years fighting for a major news outlet to fund a Naloxone PSA, Dr. Greg Scott secured CBS Chicago to fund the much needed PSA in an effort to educate individuals on how to obtain the life-saving drug, while also raising awareness for the opioid overdose epidemic the nation is currently facing.

Dr. Scott stated: "Illinois is a very privileged state compared to others for overdose prevention," so it is appropriate for a widespread PSA to be broadcasted educating the community on where to obtain Naloxone. CBS Chicago granted Dr. Scott the rights to not only approve or deny any visuals used throughout the PSA, but also gave him the final editorial privileges. This allowed the PSA to be the most educational and effective, as Dr. Scott has spent his career advocating for harm-reduction practices and policies.

According to the Harm Reduction Coalition, “Naloxone (also known as Narcan®) is
a medication called an ‘opioid antagonist’ used to counter the effects of opioid overdose, for example morphine and heroin overdose. Specifically, naloxone is used in opioid overdoses to counteract life-threatening depression of the central nervous system and respiratory system, allowing an overdose victim to breathe normally.” (For more information on Naloxone, visit: https://harmreduction.org/issues/overdose-prevention/overview/overdose-basics/understanding-naloxone/).

Dr. Scott has been working with the Chicago Recovery Alliance for years. This year, not including any doses of Naloxone distributed due to the PSA on CBS Chicago, 120,000 doses alone of Naloxone have been dispersed to the greater Cook County/Chicago community.

The updated numbers resulting from the broadcasting of the PSA (aired for the first time on 9/16/19), are to be determined. However, Dr. Scott is confident that numbers will continue to rise, as CBS Chicago has far-reaching and big impact on the community. Since the PSA aired, Dr. Scott has already received a couple hundred inquiries from people wanting to learn more about Naloxone, opioid overdose prevention, and harm-reduction practices. Doses of Naloxone were sent out to individuals wanting to take the step forward to prevent opioid overdose in their community.

The PSA had a total of one day for production, and four days to edit. Dr. Scott was adamant of wanting absolutely no room for stigma to bleed into the overall message, which resulted in a straight-forward and educational message that is now broadcasted on a loop.

In addition to receiving funding for the production of the PSA, Dr. Scott also received a grant for a website to be constructed where people can go to see the PSA, learn more about Naloxone and opioid overdose prevention, and to learn more about the Chicago Recovery Alliance. You can visit the website here: https://naloxonehelp.org/

Dr. Scott is proud of the PSA, and the benefits it will bring to the Chicago area. The next step is to have the PSA broadcasted in Spanish. To learn more or to get involved with the Chicago Recovery Alliance to make a difference in the community today, visit: https://anypositivechange.org/

Congratulations to our adjunct faculty member Briellen Griffin on receiving the President’s Medallion from Loyola University! Read more about Briellen and her achievement here.

Congratulations also to Professor Fernando De Maio, who received the
2019 Dr. Steven Whitman Research Award, from the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group! (pictured back row, second from the left)

Student Spotlight

Meet our Sociology Club Officers!

Sasha Narine
"I am a junior at DePaul studying sociology. I like sociology at DePaul because of all of the great professors and myriad of courses that are available. I like to travel and cook and in the future, I hope to either go into social work or research."

Adamaris Saavedra
"I'm a second/third-year student. My favorite courses at DePaul are sociology courses due to the riveting content, passionate professors, and welcoming environment. Aside from sociology, I'm interested in politics and street fashion. Ideally, I hope to work for the people as an Illinois Senator or the United States Secretary of Education"

Lauren Malito
I am a sophomore majoring in Secondary Education for Social Sciences focusing on Sociology. Education is really important to me and I plan on teaching history and sociology in a high school in the future. One of the reasons I love sociology is being able to see the world from the perspective of other people and that is why I think SOC Club is so great as well! Aside from sociology and education, I enjoy cooking.

What are our students up to?

July 13, 2019, I attended the “Take Action to End Criminalization, Detention, & Deportations” which took place in the loop. Thousands of individuals marched to and from the Daley Center to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in protest of the alarming rate children were dying in detention centers under the Trump administration. I
My name is Mariko Dowling, I use she & they pronouns, and I am a senior majoring in Sociology with a concentration in Health and Human Services. I am a member of the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF) Chicago chapter and from September 19-23 I went to Washington D.C. for NAPAWF’s annual POWER UP! conference. The first three days of the conference was a gathering of NAPAWF chapters from across the nation. We did workshops on pan-Asian feminist organizing with focuses on reproductive justice, immigrant rights, and economic justice. We also had Asian American women representatives, including Kathy Tran, as guest speakers.
The last two days of the conference was a collaboration dubbed, "Intersections of Our Lives." NAPAWF, The National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, and In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda joined together on Capitol Hill to do a say of advocacy training and a day of lobbying. We broke up into teams and met with Congress representatives and their staffers to ask them to support the HEAL Act (Health Equity and Access under the Law for Immigrant Women and Families Act) and the EACH Woman Act (Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance Act).
It was so empowering to be on Capitol Hill with 300 other women, nonbinary, and intersex people of color to fight for our rights!

--Mariko Dowling

"On October 23, 2017, I attended the “From Palestine to the Philippines, Stop the U.S. War Machine” at DePaul. I was incredibly moved by the performances and presentations of resilience and advocacy against U.S. military occupation. Students shared their stories and discussed ways that we as individuals can become catalysts and voices for change."

--Gabriela Carrillo

"October 17, 2019, marked the first day of the historic 11-day strike held by CPS. Hundreds of individuals wearing red gathered together on the corner of Madison and Dearborn in solidarity with the Chicago Teachers Union. The teachers were protesting a variety of concerns relating to the degrading conditions of many of its schools, class size, and the staffing of counselors and nurses, to name a few."

--Gabriela Carrillo

Fall Capstone Conference

Congratulations to our Sociology Seniors on completing their capstones! Thank you to Prof. Schlichtman for guiding the students as they developed these projects.

Mary Beaudin, "Systematic Inequalities Among Survivors of Sexual Violence"
and their Experience with the Medical and Legal Systems"
Gabriela Carrillo, "Schools and Zero-Tolerance Policies"
Tay Duerson, "The Theory of Being 'Unbothered'"
Riley Farkos, "The Deviant Case Study of Gypsy Rose Blanchard"
Colin Graham, "From SNAP to TANF: An Analysis of Federal Food Assistance Programs and Parenting Youths"
Lucy Grundhauser, "Spirituality as an Ethical, Compassionate, and Effective Approach to Counseling"
Hannah Lloyd, "The Sociological Side of Visual Merchandising and Marketing"
Maiya Wilson, "Does Chris Brown Need a Lock Down?"

Comic Break!

Opportunities

2020 ASA Annual Meeting

Submissions for the 115th American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting are now open! The deadline to submit your work is January 28th, 2020. The meeting will take place on August 8-11, 2020 in San Francisco, CA and the topic is Power, Inequality, and
Chicago Ethnography Conference

The 22nd Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference will be held here, at DePaul University, on April 25, 2020! This graduate student conference is a great opportunity for graduate students to meet other students and professors in the field. Students in all academic disciplines are invited to present their original ethnographic research. The theme of this year’s conference is Culture, Politics, and Education in the Trump Era. The deadline for submissions is January 5, 2020.

Please forward all submissions to: chiethnography@gmail.com. For more information please visit our website: https://chicagoethnography.wordpress.com/. Feel free to email Jenna O’Connor (graduate student) at joconn37@depaul.edu, or Dr. Black Hawk Hancock (Sociology department faculty) at bhancock@depaul.edu if you have any questions!

Sharing Social Knowledge Conference - Save the Date!

May 19, 2020 -- 4PM to 7PM

Would you like to share the sociological work you’ve done this year with your peers? Consider submitting our sociological paper to the Sharing Social Knowledge (SSK) sociology undergraduate research conference! This department-led and student-focused conference features student work in the form of round-table discussions, poster presentations, and formal presentations.

Keep an eye out for more information as the event gets closer!

Graduate Assistant Position

The department of sociology offers two funded graduate assistant positions for graduate students in our Master's Degree program. Responsibilities of this position include tutoring services to undergraduate students in sociological methods, statistics, and research projects, as well as helping the department and faculty with various research needs.

Interested? Look out for more details soon!

Resources

DePaul offers a variety of resources to help students with their academic and personal wellbeing. Check out this information on some of the offered
resources below, and click here for a full list of resources that the university offers!

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**The University Center for Writing-Based Learning**

The Writing Center offers help for writers and students, alumni, faculty, and staff with writing projects or other papers. Find their website at [https://condor.depaul.edu/writing/](https://condor.depaul.edu/writing/) or email wcenter@depaul.edu to schedule an appointment or to find more information!

Loop address: 25 E. Jackson, Lewis Center 1600  
Phone: (312) 362-6726  
LPC address: 2320 Kenmore, SAC 212  
Phone: (773) 325-4272

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**University Tutoring Services**

The office of Student Success offers multiple resources for academic success for DePaul students! Find their website at [https://resources.depaul.edu/student-success/Pages/default.aspx](https://resources.depaul.edu/student-success/Pages/default.aspx)

For tutoring by subject and other tutoring resources, go to: [https://resources.depaul.edu/student-success/tutoring/Pages/default.aspx](https://resources.depaul.edu/student-success/tutoring/Pages/default.aspx)

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**University Counseling Services**

The University Counseling Services provides a variety of services to help enrolled students with their emotional or psychological concerns. For more information, please visit the following webpages:

General Counseling page: [https://offices.depaul.edu/student-affairs/support-services/counseling/Pages/default.aspx](https://offices.depaul.edu/student-affairs/support-services/counseling/Pages/default.aspx)  
University Counseling Services page: [https://offices.depaul.edu/student-affairs/about/departments/Pages/ucs.aspx](https://offices.depaul.edu/student-affairs/about/departments/Pages/ucs.aspx)

LPC: 225 N. Sheffield, Student Center, Suite 350  
Phone: (773) 325-7779  
Loop: 25 E. Jackson Blvd, Lewis Center, Suite 1465  
Phone: (312) 362-6925

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