



# SOCIAL SCIENCES

LCAS ANNUAL REPORT \ \ ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20



**LOYOLA**  
UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

Loyola College of  
Arts and Sciences

**MORE THAN READY.  
LOYOLA READY.**



**13**

**Degree Programs**

**14**

**Social Sciences Clubs**

**30%**

**Greyhound Battalion  
are Female**

**94%**

**of seniors and alumni who  
applied to law school were  
admitted during 2018-19**

**109 members**

joined Loyola Connect Government, Law, Public  
& International Affairs alumni network,  
thanks to Michael Franz, Ph.D.

**7 day-long writing retreats**

for Pastoral Counseling doctoral students  
to receive both peer support  
and faculty consultation

# Letter from the Associate Dean



With the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic, increased awareness of racial injustices, and in an election season, the need for Jesuit-trained social scientists is readily apparent. Toward this end, Loyola social science students experienced high-impact practices involving research and internships, as well as engaged in career readiness opportunities. Our departments also launched equity and inclusion initiatives, such as the Sociology departmental commitment to racial justice statement and the addition of student course evaluation items to gauge inclusive classroom environments in Psychology. Innovation was readily apparent in Loyola's social sciences through revising the curriculum in Sociology and Psychology, creating new courses (African Politics, Introduction to Global Studies, Beltway Politics) and an interdisciplinary course in English and Psychology (Gender, Culture, and Madness), as well as implementing a Loyola Clinical Centers practicum for Clinical Professional Counseling master's students. Our stellar students and faculty achieved

many accolades described below, and the Master's in Speech-Language Pathology's program received full reaccreditation from the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA). Although COVID required tremendous adjustments, our faculty and students were incredibly adaptable. With the pandemic continuing, challenges will lie ahead, but the Social Science faculty and students armed with their passion for social justice, inquisitive and analytical minds, and resilient spirit are well poised to forge meaningful community and deepen their learning in the months to come. For even more news about Social Sciences, see [loyola.edu/socialsciences-report-2020](https://loyola.edu/socialsciences-report-2020).

Sincerely,

Carolyn Barry, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, Social Sciences & Graduate Programs

## The Fall of the Berlin Wall: 30 Years Later A Film Retrospective



A brief panel discussion with Professors Vala, Lynch, Holc, and Hula, followed by a screening of *The Lives of Others*, Academy Award winner in 2007 for Best Foreign Language Film.

**Saturday, November 9**

Loyola/Notre Dame Library Auditorium

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Department of Political Science

## Achievements

From the Class of 2020, 14 members were commissioned to Army Active Duty and four to the National Guard. Seven of these graduates were designated as Distinguished Military Graduates (two in the top 10%). For the Class of 2024, six of the nine National ROTC Scholarship winners chose to attend Loyola University Maryland!

Social science faculty are gaining national attention for their scholarship. **Diana Schaub, Ph.D.**, was named a Visiting Scholar at

the American Enterprise Institute in the Social, Cultural, and Constitutional Studies Department. **Mickey Fenzel, Ph.D.**, won the second Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award of his career for *Responding to the Call for Educational Justice: Transformative*

*Catholic-Led Initiatives in Urban Education*. Social Science faculty also have secured grants during 2019-20.

In addition to **Lisa Schoenbrodt, Ed.D.**, and **Leah Saal, Ph.D.**, receiving grants, Loyola Clinical Centers received two grants: (one) **Donna Pitts, Au.D.**, **Kathleen Ward, Au.D.**, and **Hadley Cornell, Psy.D.**, (\$20,000) from Cigna Health for a pilot on hearing aid use on health determinants among low-income seniors, and (two) **Kara Vincent** (\$41,457) from Maryland Community Health Resources Commission for safer clinical environment initiatives. **Moira Lynch, Ph.D.**, and **Danielle Kushner, Ph.D.**, received \$35,091 for Baltimore Community Engaged Field Work from the Police Foundation. Lastly, **Amy Wolfson, Ph.D.**, was awarded \$19,481 from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine for her study on sleep quality among juveniles during detention.

## PASTORAL COUNSELING

### GRADUATION MEDAL RECIPIENTS

Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer, M.S. (left)  
Award in Clinical Excellence

Stephanie Durnford, Ph.D.  
Dr. Barry Estadt Medal for Excellence



Speech-Language Pathology and Psychology graduate programs worked with nursing students at Notre Dame University of Maryland for a three-hour Communication Simtivity.

# Loyola Ready in Social Sciences

**E**ncouraging high impact practices, the dean's office launched two programs this past year to support undergraduate student research.

First, students served through research assistantships for faculty where they assisted in sample recruitment, data collection, transcription, coding, data entry and analysis, and even conference presentations. Students included **Anthony Ciaccio (Diana Schaub, Ph.D.)**, **Jenny Meigs (Amy Wolfson, Ph.D.)**, **Austin Prusak** and **Shannon Jones (Andy Futterman, Ph.D.)**, **Michelle Reilly (Jóan Ricart-Huguet, Ph.D.)**, **Katherine Hughes (Lena Caesar, Ph.D.)**, **Angela Miceli (Hadley Cornell, Psy.D.)**. Also, **Josie Muñoz Nogales** and **Maddie**

**Valentine (Amy Wolfson, Ph.D.)** were inaugural Summer Social Science Research Fellows researching sleep health in foster care. Further, 113 students engaged in independent study or research seminars. For instance, Global Studies seniors partnered with Baltimore agencies to address topics such as sustainability and human trafficking, while some psychology students conducted research on Wrongful Convictions or Circadian Rhythms. Six Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences students transcribed and coded close to 100 audio/video files.

The dean's office also launched a new initiative to support undergraduate social science students to offset transportation costs for their internships. The following

students received these stipends during 2019-20 as they interned at Baltimore area sites: **Matthew Mastando**, Office of the Public Defender; **Hector Trujillo**, Esperanza Center; **Hannah Tubman**, Baltimore Child Abuse Center; **Alexandra Heredia**, Think Mayor 2020; **Abby Cirelli**, National Center for School Mental Health; and **Rebecca Vincent**, U.S. Senate (in Washington, D.C.).

Additionally, various lectures occurred such as Michael Greve, Esq. on "The Kavanaugh Hearings and the Judicial Resistance," as well as career discernment events by the Career Center staff, faculty, and guest speakers for ROTC, Sociology, Global Studies, and Pre-Law Society students.

## COVID-19 Nimbleness

Due to COVID-19, social science departments showed tremendous flexibility. Graduate programs in Pastoral Counseling, Psychology, and Speech-Language Pathology had to adjust their field placements by incorporating telehealth and simulated clinical experiences. Even major-specific undergraduate open houses and Speech-Language Pathology master's accepted student receptions were successful in virtual forums. Psychology faculty created a research-informed Coronavirus Conversations video series to support students. Late spring brought virtual honor society inductions for *Sigma Iota Rho* (Global Studies; 13 students) complete with guest speaker Dr. Hoa Tran from the U.S. State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; *Alpha Kappa Delta*

(Sociology; 12 students) with guest speaker Dr. Cecelia Menjivar, President-elect of the American Sociological Association and author of *Don't Call it Social Distancing*; *Pi Sigma Alpha* (Political Science; 9 students), and the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association Honor Society (15 students).

For graduation, ROTC held a virtual Commissioning Ceremony, and Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences and Pastoral Counseling held virtual farewells. In the latter case, and since the department closed in June 2020, Class of 2020 and remaining doctoral students finishing their dissertation from 2021 were included. Former faculty members were invited and there



Samantha Rukert, Ph.D., was appointed to the MD Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

were more than 45 people who participated in that virtual ceremony. Finally, Political Science created a video showcasing faculty congratulations and senior reflections.

# Thank you to our generous donors

We are tremendously grateful for the philanthropic commitment alumni, parents, family, and friends made to Loyola College of Arts and Sciences in 2019-20. This past year, we saw the creation of the Choudhury Sarkar-Dey Natural and Applied Sciences Support Fund, which sustains an annual student award and funds student programming and activities within the Natural and Applied Sciences division. There was also tremendous philanthropic commitment to existing funds and scholarship that were further bolstered by additional support. The students, faculty, and staff are so thankful for the continued generosity of our amazing community.

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