



SOCIAL SCIENCES

LCAS ANNUAL REPORT \ \ ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22



LOYOLA

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**MORE THAN READY.
LOYOLA READY.**



140+

Pre-Law Society Students

92

Social Sciences Faculty

3.45

average GPA for Greyhound Battalion Cadets '22

611

Undergraduate Social Science Students

643

Graduate Social Science Students

10

Social Sciences Messina sections offered

8th

best Psy.D. program in U.S.
(based on U.S. News & World Report)

Letter from the Associate Dean



This past year, social sciences faculty and students at Loyola studied, debated, and investigated complex issues that face individuals, systems, and societal structures in the world today. Such work was carried out in part through courses, but also faculty-student collaborations through independent studies, research practicums, capstones, theses, and dissertations. Then they presented their findings at conferences both at Loyola and throughout the U.S. Topics ranged from gendered ramifications of Nazi youth socialization to sense of belonging in higher education to experiences of psychotherapy among migrants. Moreover, the Pre-Law Society students partnered with Maryland Legal Aid to host an expungement clinic on York Road on March 19, 2022. Of the 63 clients seen by attorneys who were alumni, faculty, and friends of Loyola, 46 clients had cases eligible for expungement, and 97 petitions were prepared that served mostly our Govans neighbors. Curricular innovation occurred through developing new interdisciplinary majors (e.g., Psychology and Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness, Biology/Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences), an applied skills requirement to the

sociology major, as well as through a three-week summer course in a history/political science course taught by **Mary Kate Schneider, Ph.D.** These students studied conflict processes, met with survivors of genocidal violence, and met with local policymakers while touring historical and cultural sites in the Balkans. Care for the whole person was exhibited through faculty-student interaction and social justice-oriented clubs (e.g., Advocates for Inclusion, Active Minds). Relatedly, Greyhound Battalion cadets added a chapter of an Army program called Resilience, Awareness, Prevention, Inclusion, and Diversity (RAPID) to empower cadets concerning issues of equity and inclusion as well as wellness.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Barry, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, Social Sciences & Graduate Programs



Achievements

Student achievements abound. **Nadia Alsamadi**, the 2022 Distinguished Student Contribution Award from American Psychological Association Division 44, also was awarded the 30 Under 30 Initiative by the Arab American Foundation. Further, 11 Greyhound Battalion graduates '22 were commissioned to the Army Active Duty, two to the National Guard, and one to the reserves. Sociology internship students **Mackenzie Wright**, **Sophie Gad**, and **Lilly Berretta** published several stories based on their work at **Baltimore Witness**, their news site that provides transparency on violent crime cases. Additionally, highlights of faculty achievements include:

- **Gina Magyar-Russell, Ph.D.**, and Pastoral Counseling Alum Paul J. Deal, Ph.D. received a \$45,000 grant from **the Religious and Spiritual Competency Project**, funded by the John Templeton Foundation, for their study,

“Clinician Resistance to Engage with Religion and Spirituality in Therapy: Identifying and Understanding Barriers.”

- **Jóan Ricart-Huguet, Ph.D.**, received a \$9,000 Initiative Research Grant from the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) at George Mason University for his book project “Unequal Education: The Origins of Elite Power in Contemporary Africa.”
- **Mary Kate Schneider, Ph.D.**, was named Distinguished Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) for 2022-23.
- **Jen Lowry, Ph.D.**, **Jeff Barnett, Ph.D.**, and **Jeff Lating, Ph.D.**, all received the Bene Merenti medals marking 25 years of service as faculty members at Loyola this spring.



Loyola Ready

To prepare our students for life beyond Loyola, guest speakers were brought in for career nights in sociology and psychology for individual courses (e.g., child life specialist for the adolescent psychology course, CIA counterintelligence officer for the strategic intelligence course) and as speakers at honor society inductions (deputy chief of staff to a U.S. Representative for Pi Sigma Alpha). For instance, attorneys spoke with Pre-Law Society students (**Brittany Bonin, '21**; **Bill O'Hare, '74**; **Amanda Preller, '96**; **Lindsay Rennie, '15**; **Oscar Rodas-Falla, '21**; and **Julianne Tarver**). Social science research assistantships

were awarded to **Ryan Brooks, '22 (Doug Harris, Ph.D.)**, **Vanessa Cuppari, '22 (Heather Lyons, Ph.D.)**, **Ryan Busby, '23**, and **Josie Muñoz Nogales, '22 (Amy Wolfson, Ph.D.)**, as well as **Brody Shanahan, '24 (Frank Golom, Ph.D.)**, and **Anna Tignor, '22 (Brianna Roos, Ed.D.)**. Social science research fellowships were awarded to **Ryan Corrigan, '23 (Michael Franz, Ph.D.)** and **Caleb Wallace, '24 (Theresa DiDonato, Ph.D.)**. Social science students interned throughout the Baltimore-Washington corridor (e.g., U.S. Senate, Johns Hopkins Hospital), and six students received support to offset transportation costs from LCAS Deans funding. The Greyhound Battalion cadets

participated in one or more of these summer opportunities: Cadet Summer Training (21), Nurse Summer Training (2), U.S. Army Air Assault School (3), Cadet Field Training (2), Cadet Troop Leadership Training (5), U.S. Army Space Cadre Course (1), and Opposition training forces for U.S. Army Special Forces Assessment and Selection (1).

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Engagement

Committed to living out our Jesuit mission, social science students experienced 16 diversity and 5 service-learning courses, as well as partnered with the Baltimore community through internships and clinical training. **Janine Holc, Ph.D.**, and **Mary Kate Schneider, Ph.D.**, led a teach-in to educate the campus at the start of the Ukraine crisis. Political science courses were revised to infuse multicultural content. Departments hosted speakers with expertise on this topic, such as Jessy Molina on recognizing and responding to microaggressions for psychology faculty and graduate students. Speech-Language-Hearing Science (SLHS) faculty trainings featured **Janet Preis, Ed.D.**, on culturally responsive speech-language pathology;

David Williams, M.S., on reversing social inequities in health care service delivery; and **Gregory Robinson, Ph.D.**, on gender affirmation in healthcare settings. Many social science faculty have completed Safe Zone and Green Bandana Brigade trainings to support members of our community on LGBTQ+ identities and mental health, respectively. SLHS also conducted assessments on student learning in cultural competence at both undergraduate and master's levels. Graduate students also demonstrated leadership in this work by (a) completing eight hours of DEI training during orientation and forming affinity groups to discuss DEI topics throughout the academic year in the speech language

pathology master's program, (b) the National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing hosting a BIPOC speech-language pathologists speaker series and a book drive featuring Black and brown children for the Baltimore community, selling merchandise (e.g., T-shirts labeled Black Minds Matter) to fund Black students' graduate school expenses. Also, the GRE requirement was permanently removed for all psychology graduate programs. The incoming graduate students in Fall 2022 include 38% of psychology masters and 40% of doctoral students identifying as people of color.

Thank you to our generous donors

The generosity of the alumni, parents, family, and friends of Loyola College of Arts and Sciences helps bolster the amazing work accomplished by the LCAS faculty, staff, and students. Last year, the LCAS community memorialized a beloved faculty member, Angela Russell Christman, by creating an endowed fund that will support programs and initiatives reflective of Christman's academic pursuits. More than \$75,000 was raised to honor her memory. This story represents one of the many that reflect the benevolence of our amazing community. We are so grateful for the philanthropic commitment made by all our donors.

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