

LUCAS SHARMA, S.J.

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, La Jolla, CA

PhD, Sociology Student, in progress, anticipated degree conferral 2028

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, Berkeley, CA

Master of Divinity (MDiv), May 2022

Comprehensive Exam: Pass with Distinction

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, Bronx, NY

MA Philosophy, May 2017

Master's Thesis Special Project: "Pluralizing Parrhesia: Politics and Truth Telling in Arendt and Foucault."

Chair: Samir Haddad, PhD; Second Reader: Daryl Tress, PhD

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, Chicago, IL

MA Sociology, August 2012

Master's Thesis: "From Individual Conscience to Parish Culture: A Study of Two Catholic Parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago."

Chair: Rhys Williams, PhD

Committee Members: Michael Agliardo, PhD, SJ; Elfriede Wedam, PhD

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY, Spokane, WA

BA Sociology (with honors) and Economics, Summa Cum Laude, May 2009

Sociology Honors Thesis: "Red, Blue, or Purple: Values and Voting Among Millennial Catholics."

Sociology Major Thesis: "The State of American Hopelessness in Making Social Change"

Certificate in Leadership Studies

ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, Seattle, WA

2017-2019. Lecturer, Department of Anthropology and Sociology; Affiliate, Women and Gender Studies; Research Fellow, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture

2013-2014. Institutional Researcher, Matteo Ricci College.

Conducted qualitative interviews to inform curriculum development for college's degree programs

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, Chicago, IL

2011-2012. Research Assistant for Elfriede Wedam, PhD.

Project: *Between Globalization and Individualism: How Communities will be Shaped in the 21st Century*

2010-2011. Research Assistant for Michael Agliardo, S.J., PhD.

Project: *"Catholic Women Religious and the Environment,"* funded by the Association for the Sociology of Religion Fichte Research Grant

Member of the Sociology of Religion Working Group

BOOK REVIEWS

2021. "Book Review of *Catholic Activism Today: Individual Transformation and the Struggle for Social Justice* by Maureen K. Day." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 60(2): 454-455.

OTHER PAPERS

2020. Carnes, Matthew, Jorge Crotese, Allan Deck, Fernando Guerra, Ryan Herzog, Jodi O'Brien, and Lucas Sharma. "Overview of the Social, Economic, Political, and Ecclesial Context of the USA West Province of the Society of Jesus." Commissioned by Superior General Arturo Sosa, S.J. in preparation for his February 2020 visit to the USA West Province of the Society of Jesus.

2010. Watson, Dennis, Lucas Sharma, and Christine George. "An Exploratory Investigation of Landlord-Client Relations in the Hospital to Housing Program." Loyola University Chicago Center for Urban Learning and Research. Commissioned by the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

CONFERENCE TALKS / PANELS

2019. "Author Meets Critic: *Growing Up Queer: Kids and the Remaking of LGBTQ Identity.*" Organizer, Convener and Respondent. Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA.

2018. "Author Meets Critic: *Parish and Place: Making Room for Diversity in the American Catholic Church.*" Respondent. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, NV.

2017. "Author Meets Critic: *Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century.*" Respondent. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, DC.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2017. "Are We Brothers and Sisters Too?: Marginalization of African Americans in American Catholicism." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, DC.

2016. "Conscience and Culture: A Four-Step Process of Parish Cultural Formation." Association for the Sociology of Religion, Seattle, WA.
2016. "Dewey and Arendt on Political Culture." The New York Pragmatist Forum, New York, NY.
2012. "Jesuit Research as Accompaniment: Examples from Two Parish Ethnographies." Loyola University Chicago Graduate Research Symposium, Chicago, IL.
2012. "Influencing Parish Culture: Defining Discourse and Narrative in Two Chicago Catholic Parishes." Loyola University Chicago Sociology Symposium, Chicago, IL.
2012. "All are Welcome: An Ethnography of a Social Justice Catholic Parish." Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA.
2011. "Exploring the 'New Religion Gap' Among College Catholics." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Milwaukee, WI (with Matthew Bahr, Gonzaga University).
2011. "An Exploratory Investigation of Landlord-Client Relations in the Hospital to Housing Program." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV (with Dennis Watson and Christine George, Loyola University Chicago).
2009. "Identity, Values, and Voting among Millennial Catholics." Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA (with Matthew Bahr, Gonzaga University).
2009. "Red, Blue, or Purple: Values and Voting among Millennial Catholics." Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA. Roundtable Presentation.
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COURSES TAUGHT

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, Seattle, WA

18th and 19th Century Social Theory (HONR2530) Honors Program, Fall 2018.

Ignatian Spirituality and Race II: Immigration and American Catholicism (SOCL3910/THEO3190)
Team-Taught with Le Xuan Hy, Catherine Punsalan, Jen-Tilghman-Havens Winter 2018.

Ignatian Spirituality and Race III: The Racialization of Islam (SOCL3910/THEO3190)
Team-Taught Le Xuan Hy, Catherine Punsalan, and Jen-Tilghman-Havens Spring 2018.

Modern Selves and the Global World (HONR2520)
Honors Program, Co-Taught with Jodi O'Brien Spring 2018; Solo Spring 2019.

Paradise Lost: Social Problems and Intersectionality (UCOR1600) Winter 2018; Spring 2018; Winter 2019.

Sociological Research Methods (SOCL3130) Spring 2019.

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (SOCL3320) Fall 2018.

Transgender Studies (SOCL4960) Teaching Assistant for Jodi O'Brien Winter 2018.

ACADEMIC BOARD SERVICE

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees, September 2019 - Present

Academic Affair Committee (2019-2021)

Academic Affairs Faculty Handbook Subcommittee (2021-Present)

Brand, Reputation, and External Relations Committee (2019-2022)

Mission Integration Committee (Chair, 2021-Present)

Institute for Thought and Culture Advisory Board (Chair, 2021-Present)

SERVICE AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

2021-2022. Search Committee for Director for Spiritual Formation.

2020-2022. Student Representative, Dean's Executive Committee.

2019-2022. Student Representative, Academic Council.

SERVICE AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

COMMITTEES

2021. Assistant Director Search Committee, Center for Jesuit Education.

2020-2021. Fr. Stephen V. Sundborg Endowment Committee, Office of University Advancement.

2018-2019. University Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Office of Vice Provost.
Identity Articulation Sub-Working Group.

2018-2019. Catholic Clergy Crisis Planning Committee, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture.

2018. Mission Day Ad-Hoc Steering Committee; Emcee of Mission Day.

2017-2019. College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee Member.

2017-2019. Catholic Higher Education Working Group Member, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture.

2017-2018. Racial Justice “League” (Committee), Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture.

2017-2018. Catholic Immigration Summit, Committee Member and Event Speaker, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture.

FACULTY FORMATION FOR MISSION AND IDENTITY

2022. Convener, Faculty and Staff Study Group on *Hidden Mercy: AIDS, Catholics and the Untold Stories of Compassion in the Face of Fear* by Michael J. O’Loughlin. Interviewer for O’Loughlin Speaking Event, with Maria Bullon-Fernandez.

2018-2019. Convener, “Is Inclusion Even Possible?” Faculty Study Group.

2017-2018. Participant, “Inclusion: A Matter of Justice” Faculty Study Group.

2017-2019. Participant and Convener, Catholic Heritage Lecturer Faculty and Staff Study Group.

2017. Kino Border Initiative Faculty Trip, Nogales, AZ and MX, Center for Jesuit Education.

HONORS THESIS COMMITTEES

2018-2019. Faculty Mentor and Advisor for Connor Crinion’s Honors Thesis, “Power to Define and Power to Evict: Landlord Discretion and Contradiction in Eviction,” Department of Anthropology and Sociology.

2021. Reader for Sam Cremer’s Honors Thesis, “A Push Against Controlling Images in Dating and the Power of Black Sisterhood in Young Black Women,” Department of Anthropology and Sociology.

OTHER SERVICE AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

2018. Emcee, University Capital Campaign Summit, Office of University Advancement.

2018. Homilist, Mass of the Holy Spirit, Office of the President.

2018. Encuentro Spring Break Immersion Faculty Leader, Campus Ministry.

2018. Catholic Student Weekend Retreat Faculty Leader, Campus Ministry.

2018. Truman Scholar Mock Interviewer for Two Candidates, Office of Fellowships.

2017-2019. Monthly 12:30pm Homilist at the Chapel of St. Ignatius, Campus Ministry.

2017-2018. First Year Faculty Mentor, Sullivan Leadership Program.

2017. Spiritual Director, Faculty-Staff Retreat. Center for Jesuit Education.

SERVICE AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

2012. Organizer and Coordinator, Department of Sociology Research Symposium.
2012. Chair of the Graduate Association of Sociologists 2011-2012; Member 2010-2011.
2012. Advisor of the Sociology Club, 2011-2012.
2011. Graduate Panel Speaker for Sociology Club, Fall 2010 and Fall 2011.
2011. Graduate Student Mentor for First Year Students, 2011-2012.
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OTHER BOARD SERVICE

JESUITS WEST PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

Jesuits West Equity and Inclusion Committee (Chair, 2018-2022)

JVC NORTHWEST

Board of Directors, September 2018-2022

Mission and Planning Committee Member (2018-2019; Co-Chair 2019-2020; Chair 2020-2022)

Executive Committee Member (2020-2022)

CONVERSATIONS ON JESUIT HIGHER EDUCATION MAGAZINE

Assistant Editor and National Seminar on Jesuit Higher Education Board Member, August 2016 – January 2020

GUEST LECTURES

2019. "Now I Become Myself: Introduction to Vocation." HUMT1330 Introduction to Discernment and Community Engagement, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.
2019. "Michel Foucault, Biopolitics, and Neoliberalism." ANTH3210 Anthropological Theory, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.
2019. "Journeying Along the Land of Open Graves." UCOR1600 Global Public Health, Seattle University, Seattle, WA. (Twice in 2019 and once in 2018)
2018. "Research Design." SOCL4470 Sociology Honors Thesis Course, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.
2018. "Meet a Jesuit!" UCOR2100 Justice, Jesuits, and Catholic Social Teaching, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.
2017. "Introduction to Critical Theory." THEO3860 Contemporary Conversations in Theology, Fordham

University, Bronx, NY.

2012. "Religion and Social Class." SOC265 Religion and Society, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL.
2011. "Housing Policy during the War on Poverty." SOC222 Poverty and Social Welfare in America, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL.
2011. "Sense of the Faithful: American Catholics Today." SOC265 Religion and Society, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL.
2011. "Housing Policy during the War on Poverty." SOC222 Poverty and Social Welfare in America, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL.
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INVITED TALKS / PANELS - PROFESSIONAL

2022. "The Jesuit Mission and Inclusion." Arrupe Seminar, Seattle University, Seattle, WA. With Jodi O'Brien.
2021. "The Jesuit Mission and Inclusion." Arrupe Seminar, Seattle University, Seattle, WA. With Jodi O'Brien.
2018. "Educating for Justice in Complex Times." Respondent. Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.
2017. "An Advent of Racial Justice." Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, Seattle University, Seattle, WA. With Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos and Jennifer Tilghman-Havens.
2017. "An Ignatian Witness to Truth." Respondent. Center for Jesuit Education, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.
2016. "Comments on Jesuit Pedagogy." Jesuit Pedagogy Seminar, Fordham University, Bronx, NY.
2016. "The Future of the Society of Jesus." Arrupe Seminar, Fordham University, Bronx, NY.
2012. "A Tale of Two Parishes." Main speaker for afternoon presentations to parish leaders in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Institute for Pastoral Studies, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL.
2012. "Research Methods for Parish Research." Parish Research Advisory Group, Institute for Pastoral Studies, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL.
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INVITED TALKS / PANELS - MINISTERIAL

2021. "Headed Towards the Promised Land: Scripture and the Long Arc to Racial Justice." Antiracism Retreat, Saint Ignatius Parish, San Francisco, CA.

2021. "Catholic Human Anthropology and the Seamless Garment." Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Sacramento, CA.
2021. "Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching." Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Sacramento, CA.
2020. "Racism as Culture." Antiracism Retreat, Saint Ignatius Parish, San Francisco, CA.
2020. "Equity, Inclusion, and Ignatian Spirituality." Adult Faith Formation, Saint Ignatius Parish, San Francisco, CA.
2020. "Imagining Saint Ignatius Parish as Antiracist: Steps Towards Developing an Antiracism Strategic Plan." Antiracism Committee, Saint Ignatius Parish, San Francisco, CA.
2018. "Stories from the US-Mexico Border: Walking Together Amidst a Broken Immigration Policy." JVC Northwest Alumni Council Solidarity on Tap, Seattle, WA.
2018. "The Value of Social Justice." Jesuit Volunteer Corps National Orientation, Chicago, IL.
2018. "A Long Loving Look at the Real: Praying with Stories of Racism and Privilege." This Ignatian Life Series. The Ignatian Spirituality Center, Seattle, WA.
2018. "An Advent of Racial Justice." Jesuits West Secondary Education Meeting, Federal Way, WA. With Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos, Jennifer and Matt Tilghman-Havens.
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HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2012 – "Outstanding Graduate Student Award for Service," Loyola University Chicago Department of Sociology, Chicago, IL.
- 2010 – 2012 – Graduate Assistantship, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- 2009 – "Fr. Leo Robinson, S.J. Volunteer of the Year Award," Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA.
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2012. Session Organizer and Convener, "Religion and Politics in the United States," Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Diego, CA.
2012. Session Organizer and Convener, "Urban Sociology: Issues Around Housing and Inequality," Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Diego, CA.
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ASSOCIATION OF JESUIT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (AJCU) MEETINGS

2019. Participant. Heartland Delta Conversations on Jesuit Education. John Carroll University, University

Heights, OH.

2018. Participant. Western Conversations on Jesuit Education. University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.

2017. Participants. AJCU Mission Officers Meeting, Fordham University, Bronx, NY.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND HONORS SOCIETIES

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honors Society
Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honors Society

REFERENCES

Jerome P. Baggett, PhD, Professor of Religion and Society and Ignacio Ellacuria Professor for Jesuit Studies Endowed Chair, Santa Clara University, Berkeley, CA.

Jodi O'Brien, PhD, Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.

Rhys H. Williams, PhD, Professor, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Samir Haddad, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Fordham University, Bronx, NY.

Matthew Bahr, PhD, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA.