**LUCAS SHARMA, SJ**

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**EDUCATION**

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: Negotiating Moral Projects and Parish Political Culture”

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 Majors Thesis: The State of American Hopelessness in Making Social Change

Certificate in Leadership Studies

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS**

Religion, Culture, Politics, American Catholicism, Social Theory, Jesuit Education

**CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, Seattle WA

Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Sociology, Social Work, August 2017 - Present

Research Fellow, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture

Member of the Catholic Higher Education Reading Group

Member of the Inclusion: A Matter of Justice Reading Group

Member of the Catholic Heritage Lecture Reading Group; Group Convener Winter 2018

First Year Faculty Mentor, Sullivan Leadership Program

CONVERSATIONS ON JESUIT HIGHER EDUCATION MAGAZINE

Assistant Editor, August 2016 – Present

**PAST RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, Seattle WA

Institutional Researcher, Matteo Ricci College, December 2013 – June 2014

Conducted qualitative interviews to inform curriculum development for college’s degree

programs.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, Chicago IL

Research Assistant for Elfriede Wedam, PhD, August 2011 – May 2012

Project: Between Globalization and Individualism: How Communities will be Shaped in the

21st Century”

Research Assistant for Michael Agliardo, SJ, PhD, August 2010 – August 2012

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

**WORKS UNDER REVIEW**

“Pluralizing Parrhesia: Politics and Truth Telling in Arendt and Foucault.” Manuscript under

review with a peer-reviewed journal.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Modern Selves and the Global World (Honors Program; Team-Taught Spring 18)

Ignatian Spirituality and Race II: Immigration and American Catholicism

(Team-Taught Winter 18)

Ignatian Spirituality and Race III: The Racialization of Islam (Team-Taught Spring 18)

Paradise Lost: Social Problems and Intersectionality (Winter 18; Spring 18)

Transgender Studies (Teaching Assistant Winter 18)

**GUEST LECTURES**

2017 – “Introduction to Critical Theory,” THEO3860 Contemporary Conversations in Theology

2012 – “Religion and Social Class,” SOC265 Religion and Society

2011 – “Housing Policy during the War on Poverty,” SOC222 Poverty and Social

Welfare in America

2011 – “Sense of the Faithful,” SOC265 Religion and Society

2011 – “Housing Policy during the War on Poverty,” SOC222 Poverty and Social

Welfare in America

**CURRENT PROJECTS**

Parish Culture and Institutional Authority: This project explores the relationship between local Cultures, The institutional Church, and lay Catholics.

**INVITED TALKS**

2017 – “Author Meets Critic: *Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century.*” Society for the Scientific Study

of Religion, Washington, DC.

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.

**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 IL (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.

**PAPERS**

2010. Watson, Dennis, Lucas Sharma, and Christine George. “An Exploratory Investigation of

Landlord-Client Relations in the Hospital to Housing Program.” Submitted to the AIDS

Foundation of Chicago by Loyola University Chicago Center for Urban Learning and

Research.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2012 – “Outstanding Graduate Student Award for Service,” Loyola University Chicago

Department of Sociology, Chicago IL

2010 – 2012 – Graduate Assistantship, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago IL

**PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMETAL SERVICE**

2017 – Present – Faculty Mentor, Sullivan Leadership Program, Seattle University

2017 – Spiritual Director for Fall Faculty and Staff Retreat, Center for Jesuit Education, Seattle

University.

2017 – Respondent at the Center for Jesuit Education “An Ignatian Witness to Truth” Event

2017 – Table Convener at the Center for Jesuit Education “Colleagues in Jesuit Education” Event

2012 – Session Organizer and Convener, “Religion and Politics in the United States” at the

2012 Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Diego, CA

2012 – Session Organizer and Convener, “Urban Sociology: Issues Around Housing and

Inequality” at the 2012 Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Diego, CA

2012 – Organizer and Coordinator, Department of Sociology Research Symposium, Loyola

University Chicago, Chicago IL

2012 – Chair of the Graduate Association of Sociologists 2011-2012; Member 2010-2011, Loyola

University Chicago, Chicago IL

2012 – Advisor of the Sociology Club, 2011-2012 Loyola University Chicago, Chicago IL

2011 – Graduate Panel Speaker for Sociology Club, Fall 2010 and Fall 2011, Loyola University

Chicago, Chicago IL

2011 – Graduate Student Mentor for First Year Students, 2011-2012, Loyola University Chicago,

Chicago IL

2011 – Graduate Student Retreat Leader, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago IL

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND HONORS SOCIETIES**

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honors Society

Omnicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honors Society

**REFERENCES**

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

Chicago IL

Elfriede Wedam, PhD, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago,

Chicago IL

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

Spokane WA

Ben Dunning, PhD, Professor, Department of Theology, Fordham University, Bronx NY

Samir Haddad, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Fordham University,

Bronx NY