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Dear Loyola Community,

The College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to announce the second cohort of Jesuit Social Research Institute (JSRI) Affiliate Fellows. These fellowships support faculty engaged in research, teaching, and public scholarship that advance JSRI's mission to confront poverty and racial inequality, as well as its strategic priorities in criminal legal reform and education.

Following a competitive application process, we are excited to welcome the following fellows:

Dr. Joel MacClellan (Philosophy and Environmental Studies)

Dr. MacClellan will continue his work in climate justice and deepen collaborations with community partners, including Morris Jeff Community School. He will also publish and present an academic paper critiquing narrow, legalistic approaches to climate justice and arguing for its placement within the care ethics tradition. His work emphasizes agency and solidarity in marginalized communities' responses to a climate-changed world.



Dr. Patricia Boyett (History)

Dr. Boyett will partner with the Women's Resource Center to create and promote Women Marching On, a student-led podcast uplifting women's history and leadership. The podcast's first season will launch this spring during a major event commemorating the 50th anniversary of America's 1977 National Women's Conference. The event will be part of a series of commemorative caucuses taking place across the country.



Dr. Cody Melcher (Sociology)

Dr. Melcher will develop a Sociology of Religion course inspired in part by the work and legacy of Fr. Joseph H. Fichter, S.J., a Jesuit priest who chaired Loyola's Sociology Department and played an instrumental role in the desegregation of the University. The course will examine the importance of religion in the transition from premodern to modern societies, exploring



well as its countervailing role in emancipatory social movements. It will give particular attention to the U.S. South and race relations in South Louisiana.

We are inspired by the creativity and commitment reflected in these projects, and we look forward to the impact they will have on our classrooms, students, and community partnerships. Please join us in congratulating Drs. Melcher, Boyett, and MacClellan on this achievement!

With gratitude,

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