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JSRI Future Activities

October 24

Dr. Nik Mitchell will speak to the Ignatian Colloquium on racism.

November 2

Fr. Fred Kammer will participate at the board meeting for the Ignatian Solidarity Network in metro Washington DC

November 4

Fr. Kammer will present a workshop on social analysis at the Ignatian Family Teach-In in metro DC.

JSRI Recent Activities

September 13

Dr. Sue Weishar helped organize an Interfaith Teach-In on Immigration at St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

September 16

Dr. Weishar oriented and trained eight Service Learning volunteers and four other Loyola students at Café con Ingles, an ESL and community building program at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

September 18-20

Fr. Kammer traveled through the black belt of Alabama for a rural poverty research project.

September 20

Dr. Weishar co-led with senior Leslie Galvez an Ignatian Teach-In on Immigration on campus, co-sponsored by Mujeres Luchadoras, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Women's Resource Center, International Education Center, Languages and Cultures, and Student Life and Ministry.

October 1

JSRI Associate Mary Baudouin and Dr. Weishar participated in a meeting on human rights and private prisons at the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility in New York City.

October 5

Dr. Weishar participated in a vigil for migrant children still separated from their parents, organized by Puentes New Orleans.

October 6

Fr. Kammer led a workshop for spiritual directors on social justice and the Spiritual Exercises at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center.

October 9

Dr. Weishar discussed mass incarceration, Catholic Social Teaching and the Teach-In on Mass Incarceration on [Catholic Community Radio](#).

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Dr. Mitchell attended the Unanimous Juries Coalition meeting.

October 10

Dr. Weishar helped organize a Catholic Teach-In on Mass Incarceration at St. Martha Catholic Church in Harvey.

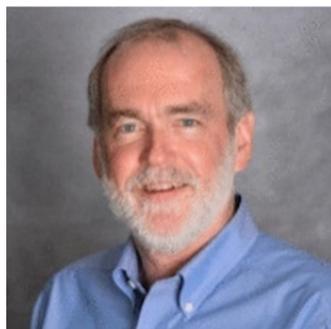
October 11

Dr. Mitchell attended the Life and Justice Committee meeting.

October 15

Dr. Dennis Kalob began work as JSRI's Economic Policy Specialist.

[Meet Dr. Kalob!](#)



Advocating for Difficult Conversations and Self Exploration: How Counseling Students are Examining Race and Privilege

By: Oriel Romano & Ida Ansell

In Fall 2015, a group of Loyola University New Orleans graduate counseling students met to discuss their program in light of [demands the Black Student Union made to the University](#). The group of students met regularly to identify programmatic shortcomings and discuss potential solutions. They named this group "Students Addressing Race and Privilege" (SARP). SARP presented faculty with a list of these solutions that included diversifying the curriculum and student body while providing supplemental multicultural training. They feared graduating without gaining a deeper understanding of their own racial beliefs and biases.



From left to right: Oriel Romano & Ida Ansell pictured with Vinetta Frie (LCA president) after receiving the Graduate Student Award at the Louisiana Counseling Association Conference for their development of Students Addressing Race and Privilege (SARP) at Loyola University New Orleans, research efforts and receipts of grant funding, commitment to multicultural issues, and overall dedication to their profession.

SARP desired an environment that allowed for exploration of their racial identities in depth. As a result, Callie Millington, one of SARP's original founding members, secured a [Strength in Diversity Grant](#) from the Loyola's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. These funds were used to hire Dr. Marva Lewis, a professor in the Tulane School of Social Work and expert on race relations, to facilitate a racial identity process group for counseling students.

Throughout the course of six intense, emotional, and illuminating weeks, group participants met to explore their racial identity development. Students participated in role plays and brainstormed ways to break the cycle of systematic and institutionalized racism and oppression. Group participants considered the group so transformative that they set SARP goals for the upcoming year. Of these goals, the primary focus was to make the process group a mandatory part of their curriculum. As a result, SARP secured funding to continue the process group with an outside facilitator and now leads a section of the new student orientation for counseling students that invites newcomers to begin examining their own ideas around race and privilege.

SARP members have accomplished much more than their initial goals. In the upcoming academic year, SARP's past leaders, Oriel Romano and Ida Ansell, helped new leaders set additional goals that include implementing panel discussions and trainings on LGBTQIA+, Louisiana's indigenous populations, and women's issues for Loyola counseling students. In addition, SARP leaders hope to plan, fund, and implement a racial identity process group for the university's faculty.

Through small grants, Romano and Ansell secured funds that allowed for a year-long research study aimed to measure the impact of a racial identity process group on Loyola's graduate counseling students. Through continued partnership with facilitators from Tulane University School of Social Work and funding, Romano and Ansell plan to expand this study to multiple universities and counseling programs throughout Louisiana and the United States.

For more information on Romano and Ansell's current research study, please contact them at oriel.romano@gmail.com and ida.k.ansell@gmail.com.

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