

Highlights from events we hosted this past semester!

ELEANOR FAILS ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

RITA PADAWANGI

Associate Professor, College of Interdisciplinary & Experiential Learning,
Singapore University of Social Sciences

Urban Development, Politics, and the Spatial Imagination: Reflections from Indonesia and Timor-Leste

Dr. Padawangi received her PhD in sociology from Loyola University Chicago, a Master of Arts in Urban Design from the National University of Singapore, and a Bachelor of Architecture from Universitas Katolik Parahyangan in Bandung. She received the Fulbright scholarship for her graduate study at Loyola. Her research interests are on social movements, environmental justice, and participatory urban development. She explores and applies collaborative approaches in research, teaching, and community engagement. She coordinates the Southeast Asia Neighborhoods Network (SEANNET), an urban research and education program that is funded by the Henry Luce Foundation's LuceSEA Initiative.

She is the editor of Routledge Handbook of Urbanization in Southeast Asia (2019) and co-editor of Cities by and for the People in Asia (with Yves Cabannes and Mike Douglass, Amsterdam University Press, 2019). She recently published Urban Development in Southeast Asia (Cambridge University Press, 2022). Her upcoming publication is a co-edited volume titled Resilience as Heritage in Asia (with Michael Herzfeld, Amsterdam University Press, 2024).



ALUMNI NEWS!

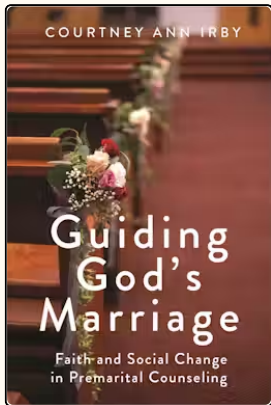
Guiding God's Marriage

Faith and Social Change in Premarital Counseling

by Courtney Ann Irby

Examines how religious leaders use premarital counseling to influence how we view intimacy

It is well-known that the institution of marriage has changed dramatically in the past few decades. However, very little research has focused on the role of religious institutions in helping couples form and maintain their relationships.



Guiding God's Marriage offers an examination of Christian marriage preparation programs, exploring their efforts to stabilize the institution of marriage and highlighting the tension between individualism and community in people's relational lives. Marriage preparation programs offer a useful lens through which to trace shifts in both religious and family institutions because they set out clear and intentional articulations of marriage ideologies and gendered relationship scripts by faith communities. By documenting the changes in content and practices of Christian premarital education along with its advice regarding what makes a good marriage, the book charts the ways that religious communities have been transformed by and have helped to contribute to the individualization of faith and relationships.

[Link to book](#)

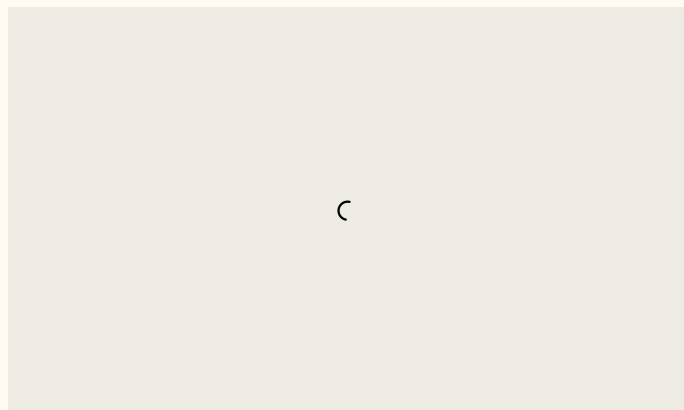
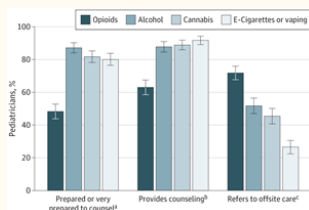
Featuring archival research as well as first hand observations of four marriage preparation courses—two Protestant and two Catholic—along with seventy interviews with participating couples and leaders of these and other programs, the book offers a rare view of visions about how to realize a successful and faith-filled relationship. This examination of marriage classes offers key insight into how religious communities have responded to cultural changes in marriage, gender, sexuality, and intimacy.

Dr. William Burr, 2020 was coauthor on an article in JAMA Pediatrics

[Link to research letter](#)

Hadland, Scott et al. 2024. "Treating Adolescent Opioid Use Disorder In Primary Care,"
JAMA Pediatrics 178(4):414-416.

Treating Adolescent Opioid Use Disorder in Primary Care
jamanetwork.com



Congratulations Kerryann!

UWSC is proud to announce that **Kerryann DiLoreto**, Senior Project Director with UWSC for over 24 years, has been awarded Distinguished Status by the UW-Madison. Distinguished status is awarded to academic staff members with extensive experience, and advanced knowledge and skills.

Kerryann holds a Master of Science degree in sociology from UW Madison and received her bachelor's degree in Sociology and Philosophy with a minor in Religion, Culture, and Society from Loyola University Chicago BA, May 1999.

LUC SOCLub Hosted Where are they now?

An Alumni event showing the wide range of opportunities available to new graduates with a sociology major/minor.

SOC x SOCLub: Sociology Alumni Panel
Wed, Feb 21
4: - 5:30pm
IES 124

RSVP Required!
<https://luc.compsocslubs.com/engage/event/9926892>

Meet the Panelist



Name: Audrey Woodward
Majors: Sociology (with a Social Justice Concentration)
Minor: Mathematics
Graduation Year: 2022
Undergrad Thesis: Studied gender roles and portrayal of women in Marvel movies
Current Line of Work/Study: Second year law student at University of Cincinnati College of Law. At this upcoming summer, Audrey will be at a full-service law firm in Cincinnati called *Ornstone & Shontz*.
Previous Work Experience: The New Zealand Human Rights Commission.

Audrey Woodward

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Meet the Panelist




Name: Zubia Merchant
Majors: Sociology (emphasis in healthcare sociology) and Molecular Biology
Graduation Year: Dec 2020
Undergrad Thesis Title: Understanding Burnout Among Undergraduate STEM Students
Current Line of Work/Study: Medical Student (Year 2)

Zubia Merchant

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Name: Tim Platten
Majors: Sociology and Political Science
Graduation Year: Fall '19
Undergrad Thesis Title: Rise of Europe's Right-Wing: Operationalizing Indicators of Populism in Contemporary Europe
Current Line of Work: Insights Researcher at Riot Games

Tim Platten

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Name: Maggie Jones
Major: Sociology
Minor: Political Science and Spanish
Graduation Year: 2021
Undergrad Thesis Title: An analysis of gendered and racialized language in the 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary
Graduate Degree: Master's in Sociology
Graduation Year: 2023
Graduate Thesis: The gendered nature of fitness in CrossFit, barre, and personal training
Current Line of Work: Manager of

Maggie Jones

THANK YOU!

Have a great fall!