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Why did you choose this internship?

Going into the fall semester realizing I wouldn't be taking any history classes felt odd, as nerdy as that sounds. I recently finished my capstone course with Kyle Roberts, and he'd been such an incredible mentor that I thought he would have great advice to calm my history-less woes. He suggested a directed study with a number of professors, including himself. What sealed the deal was the connection between a historical project and lesson planning for high school students.

What kind of lesson plans are you working on?

The curriculum covers major topics surrounding the 19th-century urbanization of Chicago: immigration, Jane Addams, the World's Columbian Exposition, and labor unrest. However, it focuses in on the uniquely Catholic side of that expansion, framed around the question, "What does it mean to be an American?" Students from any school, parochial or public, can investigate the same issues with vastly different past experiences but still come to similar conclusions.

The main collection of sources comes from the Jesuit Libraries Provenance Project, which is seeking to digitize and catalog the substantial amount of documents from Loyola's predecessor, St. Ignatius College. Beyond exposing high school students to primary source analysis in general, it seeks to encourage students to see libraries, research, and books in a



new light. The curriculum is designed to cover major high school historical topics in a unique way to both intrigue and engage students.

How do you think this internship prepared you for your future career?

It's the case with most seniors that they have little to no idea what their future will look like, and I find myself there now as well. I feel prepared to go right into high school teaching, but I am also considering careers in testing companies, the U.S. Parks Service, and even graduate school. This project allows me to keep those career options open, as its combination of historical research and curriculum development makes it relevant experience for any potential job. No matter what my future holds, this project will remain one of my fondest memories of my time at Loyola.

Criminal justice research center launches

If you want to tackle the crime problem in Chicago—or any other city—you need to think of it as more than a criminal justice issue. It's an education issue, a socio-economic issue, a mental health issue—in short, it's a complex problem that requires innovative solutions.

That's the approach Loyola is taking with its new Center for Criminal Justice Research, Policy, and Practice, an initiative of "Plan 2020: Building a More Just, Humane, and Sustainable World." The center, supported in part by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, brings together experts and students from several fields to share resources and insights, with the goal of creating a more fair, effective, and cost efficient criminal justice system.

"Agencies and other groups want to have policies that are based on sound analysis and research, and a university is the ideal entity to facilitate that goal," says co-director David Olson, PhD, a professor of criminal justice and criminology in the College of Arts and Sciences. "We have the skills and expertise to carry out that kind of research, but we're also objective and not here to advocate for a political point of view."

Olson's co-director, the School of Law's Diane Geraghty, JD, believes the center is coming along at an ideal time. "We know so much more now about what does and doesn't work in the criminal justice system," says Geraghty, who also serves as director of Loyola's Civitas ChildLaw Center. "There's a general agreement that what we've been doing, at least on a macro level, isn't working. We need to be smart on crime, as opposed to just tough on crime."

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A new place to stay in Rogers Park

Alumni returning to the Lake Shore Campus will soon find a convenient and comfortable new spot to spend the night. Construction is underway on the Hampton Inn Chicago North/Loyola Station, which is on target for a fall opening. Just steps from the CTA Red Line at the corner of Albion Ave. and Sheridan Road, the hotel will have 145 guest rooms, a fitness center, a rooftop terrace, and more than 9,500 square feet of retail space at street level.

But the hotel isn't the only new business along Sheridan Road. Two new dining options are coming to the Granada Center this spring: Clarke's Diner and Arriva Dolce Due coffee bar and bakery, which is owned by the parents of a current Loyola student. Blaze Pizza will also open soon in the Montserrat at Loyola Station.

