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THE FIRST-YEAR PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



Instructor Spotlight: Daniel Hanichak

It's a little surreal to think that in August of 2000 I was a freshman at DePaul – starting college in Discover Chicago – The Chicago Music Scene taught by Rodney Dorsey. It was a fantastic start to a great college experience at DePaul. Little did I know that years later I would have the opportunity to introduce students to this city, school and community. Justice in the City is a Discover Chicago course that gives students a behind the scenes look at our criminal justice system in Chicago that 99% of people will never see. As a Prosecutor here in Chicago for the past eight years I've had the honor to work with, along side and against some of the most talented and dedicated players in our system. What makes this class great is that the most important people in our criminal justice system have allowed DePaul students behind closed doors to see how things really work.

The class focuses on students learning the problems of the system's past such as corruption and inequality, learning how far the system has come by meeting the biggest players in the system today, and finally writing a concluding paper identifying one way the system could continue to be improved and how they would implement that policy.



Immersion Week takes the students inside the Cook County Jail, FBI Headquarters, Chicago Police, and Cook County Medical Examiner's Office. They also meet with influential players such as State's Attorney Anita Alvarez and Public Defender Amy Campanelli. During the academic

quarter the students meet influential Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys & Judges – giving them a fair and balanced perspective of all sides of our system.

What sells newspapers and ad time in the media? Stories of corruption. Stories of injustice. Stories of brutality. That is the 1%. What doesn't make the news is the day-to-day true life story of all the people who dedicate their lives to making Chicago safer and making sure that justice is achieved in our system. Our students learn that our criminal justice system isn't perfect, but when you have honest police officers risking their lives to keep our community safe, Prosecutors willing to fight for the victims of crime and Defense Attorneys fighting tirelessly to protect the rights of the accused, justice will be achieved. When all sides are working at optimum level no system in the world can hold a candle to ours – and with DePaul students as future leaders of that system it will only get better.

—Daniel Hanichak
Instructor, Political Science

From the Director

Congratulations to all Chicago Quarter faculty on a successful Immersion Week and start to Autumn Quarter 2015. Twenty years after the first Chicago Quarter classes (only Discover Chicago at the time) journeyed throughout the city during the 1995-96 academic year, we're doing very well, with 109 sections offering a variety of Chicago topics. We are sharing some photos on page 2 of this newsletter. To see many more, check out our many social media presences: the "2015 Chicago Quarter Teaching Teams" page on Facebook and the #DePaulDiscover, #ImmersionWeek, and #DePaulExplore hashtags on Twitter and Instagram. Please add images and stories from your classes!

If you're able, I hope Chicago Quarter instructors will join us for the quarterly **Faculty Chat** on **Friday, Oct. 16, from 10:30 to noon in the Rosati Room (300)** in the Richardson Library on the Lincoln Park Campus. Please RSVP to Maria (mhernand@depaul.edu) or just respond to the Outlook invitation.

Chicago Quarter faculty, I know from Sarah and Maria that many of you have communicated about class budget expenses. Remember that receipts and invoices must be received by 60 days after service or purchase or Wednesday, Nov. 25, whichever is earlier. For Immersion Week expenses, it will be the former option. Remember that you can always check the purchasing procedures in the [faculty handbook](#).

Also, please remember that Chicago Quarter classes do the Online Teaching Evaluations in computer labs as part of class. To help prepare new students for success at DePaul, you have the opportunity to explain

why this kind of assessment is valuable. Your Staff Professionals should schedule a computer lab for this purpose.

Hopefully everyone is using BlueStar, DePaul's system for communicating with students and advisors about attendance, concerns, etc. Each year it gets easier to use; you can always access it on Campus Connect under: Self Service > BlueStar Student Support. In addition to reporting student concerns, there is also room to comment on outstanding student work. Here is some info: <http://resources.depaul.edu/teaching-commons/teaching/Pages/bluestar.aspx>

Finally, here is a fun article from the new Newslines about the way DePaul USED to prepare its freshmen: [OldDePaul](#).

Enjoy the early fall weather and have a great quarter.

—Doug Long

Important Dates!

- Friday, Oct. 16, 10:30 a.m.–noon: Faculty Chat, Rosati Room (300), Richardson Library
- Friday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.: Focal Point Seminar Best Practices, LPC Student Center 120B

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