



Nikki Malazarte

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago

Master of Social Work in
Leadership & Development
in Social Services (LDSS)

Anticipated May 2021

- Started in Aug 2020
- Sub-specialty in Migration Studies
- Part of the Empowering Counseling Program, which is housed at Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work

Loyola University Chicago

Bachelor of Social Work,
Minor in Women's and
Gender Studies

Aug 2017 - May 2020

- Graduated Cum Laude, GPA 3.845
- Dean's Lister for SY 2020
- Pursued Southeast Asian Queer coursework and gave a presentation on Decolonizing Bakla: Filipino/a/x Queer Expressions

Oakton Community College, Des Plaines

Associates in Applied
Science for Graphic Design

Aug 2013 - May 2016

- Graduated Honors, GPA 3.75
- President Scholar for 3 years
- Presented outstanding graphic design and photography pieces in exhibitions from SY 2014 - 2016



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RESEARCH & TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

Loyola University Chicago, School of Social Work

Graduate Research Assistant
Sept 2020 - present

- Research focuses on gender-based violence, DV, and IPV within immigrant and migrant communities, specifically South Asian and Southeast Asian
- Comprehensive Literature Reviews
- Data Entry and Data Collection related to DV/IPV

Loyola University Chicago, Women's & Gender Studies Department

Undergraduate Teaching
Assistant
Jan 2020 - May 2020

- For WSGS 380/ 480 course in Queer Theory
- Co-author of syllabi; produced lesson section on Filipino/a/x Global Queer Expression
- Provided 16 undergraduate students with one-on-one tutoring, counseling, and as-needed out of class assistance

AWARDS & HONORS

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- **2020 - present: Loyola University Chicago**
 - Pathways to Graduate Scholarship: 50% Tuition Funds/academic school year.
 - The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Grant: \$1200 and \$531, respectively.
 - **2017 - 2020: Loyola University Chicago**
 - Transfer Trustee Award: \$16, 000/undergraduate academic school year.
 - Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Award: \$1,500/undergraduate academic school year.
 - **2014 - 2016: Oakton Community College**
 - President Scholar from 2014-2016.
 - Phi Theta Kapp Honor Society from 2013-2016.
 - Michael Spiers Memorial Scholarship: \$1200 for one semester.
 - Blanche Keno Scholarship: \$1200 for one semester.
 - Drummer Family Scholarship: \$1200 for one semester.
 - Arthur A Henrikson Memorial Scholarship: \$1200 for one semester.



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PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES, MANUSCRIPTS IN-PROCESS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Saasa, S. K., Rai, A., **Malazarte, N.**, & Yirenya, A. E. (in process). Mental Health Service Utilization Among African Immigrants in the United States. *Journal of Community Psychology*.
 - Miller, K.M., Watson, H., **Malazarte, N.**, Matthews, C., Miller, E., McGary, T., Wronowski, T., Prince, L., & Tyson McCrea, K. (2020, November). Law Under Curious Minds Youth Advocates: A Black and Latinx youth-centered virtual public investigation of the impact of COVID-19 in Chicago. Paper published by the Center for the Human Rights of Children Virtual Symposium: Children's Rights in the Time of COVID-19.
 - **Malazarte, N. M.** (2019, October). Racial Microaggression as an Ethical Concern in Social Work Clinical Practice. *Praxis: Where Reflection & Practice Meet*, 19, 54-62. Retrieved December 1, 2020, from <https://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/socialwork/pdfs/praxis/Praxis%20Volume%2019%20Publication%2010-2019.pdf>
 - **Malazarte, N. M.** (2018). Naming Your Truth: An Exploration of the Self and Community. *Kaleidoscope, A Journal for Womxn of Color by Womxn of Color*, 4.
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PRESENTATIONS

- Miller, K.M., Watson, H., **Malazarte, N.**, Matthews, C., Miller, E., McGary, T., Wronowski, T., Prince, L., & Tyson McCrea, K. (2020, November). Law Under Curious Minds Youth Advocates: A Black and Latinx youth-centered virtual public investigation of the impact of COVID-19 in Chicago. Paper presented in, Children's Rights in the Time of COVID-19 Symposium conducted at the Center for the Human Rights of Children at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, November 16, 2020.
- **Malazarte, N. M.** (2020, March). Decolonizing Bakla: Filipino/a/x Queer Expressions. Invited by Dr. Héctor García Chávez to discuss the meaning of Bakla and the importance of countering the colonial Bakla trope and transform it through a decolonial lens.



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MEDIA FEATURES & RECOGNITIONS

- **Interview with my Mom: Interview with my mom, Marie: Battling the Cold and Leaving to Get the Fortune (Short & Extended Version)**
Nov 2020, StoryCorps
(Available at <https://bit.ly/2MCrygR>)
 - **Women's and Gender Studies (WSGS) Alumni Profile Feature**
Aug 2020, Loyola University Chicago Women's and Gender Studies (WSGS) Department
(Available at <https://bit.ly/3nIVQ47>)
 - **Featured for Redesigning Empowering Counseling Program Website**
Feb 2020, Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work Facebook
(Available at <https://bit.ly/38hTVt7>)
 - **Featured Volunteer**
July 2017, National Veteran's Art Museum, Transmissions Vol. 3, Issue 2
 - **Finalist of the 2016 College & High School Photographer's Forum**
November 2016, Photographers Forum - Magazine for the Emerging Professional
(Available as a hardcover book - <https://bit.ly/397fnAh>)
 - **Featured with Honor, Photo: Weasel**
2014, VSCO Grid - A curated gallery of original imagery
(Available at <https://bit.ly/391ipWA>)
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OPINION PIECES

- **Challenging "Kababae Mong Tao" Culture: Victim Blaming is Problematic (in the process)**
Jan 2020, The Alumni Insider: A WSGS Newsletter



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SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Loyola University Chicago,
Empowering Counseling Program (ECP), Chicago, IL

Program Development Manager

May 2020 - present

- Coordinate, maintain, and manage the implementation of various types of marketing, communication, and program-related projects
- Co-develop program and agency evaluations with executive leadership
- Work one-on-one remotely with youth client/s to develop their self-sufficiency and professional growth, e.g. financial literacy, career development, and mentorship
- Collaborate with the director on sustaining relationships with external partners and vendors
- Organize community forums

Lead Program Site Instructor & Director (Summer)

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Lead a community and rights-based summer youth program, Law Under Curious Minds, and engaged 46 of the youth as co-researchers in a participatory public investigation of their communities during the pandemic
- Engaged youth in creating and administering a COVID-19 community needs assessment of citizens' experiences and needs, co-analyzing data, co-creating action-oriented projects, and co-presenting findings and projects to stakeholders and policymakers in a community forum

Clinical Social Work & Community Engagement Intern

Aug 2019 - May 2020

- Co-ran and co-facilitated weekly an after schools program, Law Under Curious Minds, located in West Englewood, in a high school setting with 15 Black and Brown youth
- Performed weekly individual counseling with 1 older adult and coordinated monthly family psychosocial interventions with her twin granddaughters with the goal of improving family function
- Created 2 psychosocial assessments, 40 progress notes and process recordings, and 1 high-risk family crisis intervention treatment plan



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SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Loyola University Chicago,
Empowering Counseling Program (ECP), Chicago, IL

Clinical Social Work & Community Engagement Intern

Aug 2019 - May 2020

- Mentored 1 youth on co-designing his art portfolio website through a strengths-based and trauma-informed approach
- Researched and coordinated food donations and potential partnerships with local small agencies that value community building and mutual aid within Englewood
- Revamped and launched in early January this agency's new website, which has increased brand awareness and potential grant opportunities by 5%

Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA), Chicago, IL

Events Coordinator

January 2020 - May 2020

- Pitch and secure food sponsors or providers for our events
- Liaise with vendors, exhibitors, and stakeholders during the event planning process
- Manage all event set-up, tear down, and follow-up processes
- Develop staffing plans to ensure quality standards are met

Sustainability Program Assistant & Assistant Manager of the Glenwood Sunday Market

June 2019 - October 2019

- Successfully ran the on-site load-in and load-out operations of 27 vendors, logistics, and finances as an Assistant Manager of the Glenwood Sunday Market (GSM) for 22 weeks
- Managed for 22 weeks the bookkeeping of thousands of market tokens, credit, and EBT receipt transactions
- Designed GSM's first farmers market card deck that consisted of 16 cards. This project was funded by Compeer Financial to promote awareness of farm businesses



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SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (C4), Chicago, IL

Clinical Records Technician Intern

January 2019 - May 2019

- Organized and maintained 300 detailed records of clients' visits, including symptoms, test results, and medical histories
- Coordinated and collaborated daily with clinical records staff on additional administrative tasks

Hamdard Center for Health & Human Services, Chicago, IL

Community Outreach Intern

*September 2018 -
December 2018*

- Worked with seven Bosnian refugees and immigrants who utilize knitting and crocheting as a form of therapy
- Assisted with prepping CEW's booth at trade shows, pop-up, and community outreach events
- Monthly clinical supervisions with a certified art therapist
- Focused on intercultural communication and co-facilitated group work with the artisans and art therapist
- Revamped brand website while focusing on responsive design, and developed a visual strategy to communicate brand values better



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SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Anixter Center, Evanston, IL

Residential Advocate at Evanston CILA

April 2018 - July 2018

- Completed all 36 online courses (51.5 hours) and on the job (OJT) training
- Supervised, taught, and assisted 4 clients in all Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) including personal, medical, community, hygiene, financial, recreation, and general safety.
- Written 20 case and progress notes on a daily basis of the current resident's
- Provided input regarding the development of appropriate goals for 2 clients, incorporating client agency
- Reported and documented issues with 7 clients regarding overall health, medication, dental, and mental health concerns to house manager, other house staff, and on-call nurse
- Provided crisis intervention which may require physical intervention

Imerman Angels, Chicago, IL

Cancer Support Specialist

March 2018 - July 2018

- Reached out via phone or email: assessed the biopsychosocial support needs of 54 "Mentor Angels" (survivors and caregivers)
- Registered via phone 50 survivors/caregivers to the database
- Screened, trained, and added 15 "Mentor Angels" to the database



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OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- **Administrative Assistant and Graphic Designer** (Nov 2018 – Jan 2020)
Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA), Chicago, IL
 - **ChainLinks Brand Manager** (Apr 2018 – Aug 2018)
Loyola Limited, Chicago, IL
 - **Freelance Graphic Designers and Photographer** (Jan 2016 - Jan 2018)
Des Plaines and Chicago, IL
 - **Graphic Design Intern** (Jan 2016 - May 2016)
Lyric Opera of Chicago, IL
 - **Graphic Design, Photo Studio, and Photo Darkroom Assistant** (Nov 2013 - May 2016)
Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL
 - **Admissions and Enrollment Operations Assistant** (Sept 2013 - Sept 2014)
Oakton Community College Enrollment Center, Des Plaines, IL
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CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAININGS ATTENDED

2021

- Race, Ethnicity, and Mental Health: Embracing and Supporting Diversity In Undocumented Immigrant and Refugee Communities, Jan. 2021

2020

- Diversity and Inclusions: Walking the Talk, Dec. 2020
- Introduction to Finding Grants, Dec. 2020
- Introduction to Proposal Writing, Dec. 2020
- Call to Restorative Action: Community Wellness and Healing featuring Pulitzer Prize Journalist, Jose Antonio Vargas, Healing Justice Dialogue Series, Nov. 2020
- SBI with Adolescents: Comorbid Substance Use and Mental Health, Nov. 2020
- UN Women Training Centre: I Know Gender 1-2-3 Gender Concepts to Get Started; International Frameworks for Gender Equality; and Promoting Gender Equality throughout the UN System, Sept. 2020
- UN Women Training Centre: I Know Gender 12 Sexual and Gender Diversity, Sept. 2020
- Trauma and Mental Health Topic: Navigating Uncertainty, Aug. 2020
- Trauma and Mental Health Topic: Grief and Loss, July 2020
- Sparking Joy: Remote Learning Strategies for Fun and Connection, June 2020
- Inclusion for Diverse Learners/Teens With Disabilities, June 2020
- Trauma and Resilience During COVID-19, June 2020
- Instructor Remote Engagement, June 2020



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CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAININGS ATTENDED

- Mandated Reporter, Department of Family and Children Services, May 2020
- 2019**
- Culturally Responsive & Trauma-Informed Services for Hispanic and Latino Populations, Oct. 2019
 - Paying Homage to Stonewall: Queer Artistic Expressions of Resistance/Rendir Homenaje a Stonewall: Expresiones artísticas cuir de resistencia, Oct. 2019
- 2018**
- 13th Annual Women's and Gender Studies Student Symposium: Sex-Selection Abortion Ban: Don't Be Fooled by the Framing of "Saving Girls", April 2018
 - Human Research Community-Engaged Research Stage 1, Feb 2018
 - Human Research Group 1 Lakeside Investigator Basic - Stage 1, Feb 2018
- 2013**
- Futuristic Feminisms: Visionary Perspectives Across the Disciplines, Sept. 2013
- 2011**
- Juniors Diplomats Philippines Corps Leadership Congress and Strategic Planning, June 2011
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LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Coalition of Immigrant Mental Health, Participant and Chair

June 2020 - present

Imerman Angels, Mentor Angel and Volunteer

April 2018 - present

Gilda's Club Chicago, Member and Volunteer

Jan 2017 - Jan 2018

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Member

Jan 2014 - May 2016



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LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Web Development (includes Social Media Presence) Chair**
July 2020 - present, The Coalition of Immigrant Mental Health
 - **Gabriela Chicago, Member**
March 2019 - present, Gabriela USA
 - **Cancer Support Specialist and Mentor Angel**
Mar 2018 - present, Imerman Angels
 - **Patient and Family Advisory Council Committee Member**
Sep 2017 - Sep 2019, Amita Health Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center
 - **Communications and Social Media Volunteer**
Jan 2014 - May 2016, The National Veterans Art Museum (NVAM)
 - **Arts and Administrative Volunteer**
Jan 2017 - May 2017, Gilda's Club Chicago
 - **Writing Coach and Packing Volunteer**
Sept 2017 - Dec 2017, Open Books
 - **Art Therapy Volunteer**
Oct 2016 - Dec 2016, Amita Health Cancer care Center
 - **Personal Meal Shopper**
Jan 2018, Lakeview Pantry
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CLINICAL & SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

- Adobe Creative Cloud Apps: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Acrobat DC, Lightroom
- Google Suite: Gmail, Drive, Meet, Calendar, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Hangouts, Classroom
- Microsoft Office Suite: Outlook, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, OneDrive, Teams
- Website Builder: Squarespace, Wix
- Social Media Marketing & Management: Hootsuite, Buffer, Canva, Mailchimp
- Qualtrics
- Sakai
- Zoom Video
- Comprehensive biopsychosocial assessments & needs assessments
- Crisis Interventions
- Safety Planning



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REFERENCES

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