

Dedicated

to

Dr. Matthew M. LeClaire

(1989-2018)

“In 2018, Dr. Matthew LeClaire received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and began a position at Coppin State University. Matt was a rising star in the bullying and juvenile delinquency field. This work reflects his commitment to the art of symbolic interactionism and his subcultural curiosity.

Dr. LeClaire was elected to be incoming chair of the Society for the Study of Social Problems’ Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division and bestowed a university-wide UNLV teaching award for his outstanding work that went well beyond the classroom. But most important of all, Matt was that once-in-a-lifetime kind of friend and peer mentor, of which I was honored to be one of.

I leave you with something Matt said to me once which embodies just who he was—as a mentor, scholar, and activist. ‘You can’t put a price on shaping young lives. Don’t let anyone’s lackluster acknowledgement make you think otherwise.’”

—Shekinah Hoffman

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