Bryant Keith Alexander, Dean of School of Communication and Fine Arts, Academic Dean’s Session

Bryant Keith Alexander, Ph.D., is dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts. He is an active scholar, lecturer and performer with publications in leading journals and major contributions in such volumes as the Handbook of Critical and Indigenous Methodologies, Handbook of Performance Studies, Handbook of Qualitative Research, Handbook of Communication and Instruction, Handbook of Critical Intercultural Communication, and the Handbook of Autoethnography. He is the co-editor of Performance Theories in Education: Power, Pedagogy and the Politics of Identity (2005), author of Performing Black Masculinity: Race, Culture, and Queer Identity (2006), The Performative Sustainability of Race: Reflections on Black Culture and the Politics of Identity (2012).

Ray Andrade, Library Outreach Programming Librarian, Blind Date with a Librarian

Ray Andrade is a first-generation LMU alum (Class of 2004) who now serves as Programming Librarian within the Library Outreach department. After earning a Bachelor's in Philosophy while working in many public libraries, he joined the LMU library team 15 years ago — so it's safe to say Ray loves LMU and libraries. If you don't find him at the library, he's probably sweating at the Burns Recreation Center or catching up on email at The Lair cafeteria.

Christina Andrick, Study Abroad Advisor, Global Opportunities

Christina Andrick has been with the LMU Study Abroad Office for two and a half years and has worked in higher education for 7 years. She advises prospective study abroad students who are seeking semester programs in Spain, Italy, Latin America and various summer programs across the globe. She works closely with many departments on campus to promote diversity and inclusion in Study Abroad, especially for First To Go students. She recently received a Master’s degree in Higher Education Administration from LMU.

Tom Arteaga, Director of Alumni & Parent Engagement, Roadmap for Success

Tom Arteaga ’98, Director of Alumni & Parent Engagement, has worked at LMU for over a decade. His areas of focus include alumni volunteer engagement and helping students build their alumni network before they graduate from LMU. He is an active member of the Jesuit Advancement Administrators, a professional organization of advancement staff serving Jesuit higher education in the United States and Canada. Tom received his Bachelor of Arts in Communications from LMU in 1998 and worked in Sports Television for 7 years at Fox Sports before returning to LMU. During his time as a student at LMU, he was involved with ASLMU, a member of MEChA, the TV Society, and the El Espejo mentoring program. Tom received the Alfred J. Kilp Award for Service and Leadership and the Octavio Paz Award for Service and Dedication to the LMU Latino Community.
Lane Bove, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, Welcome with President Timothy Law Snyder

Lane Bove, Ed.D., began her career as senior vice president for Student Affairs at Loyola Marymount University in 1987. She is passionately involved in the education that occurs outside the classroom enhancing students’ engagement in the full collegiate experience. As the senior vice president for Student Affairs, she oversees Division I Athletics, Student Employment Services, Student Health Services, Student Housing, Student Psychological Services, the Center for Service and Action, Student Life, Campus Recreation, Judicial Affairs, Ethnic and Intercultural Services, the Office of International Student Services and Student Media. She actively serves in the West Coast Conference (President, 1992-2002), the National Collegiate Athletic Association, California Women in Higher Education, the Center for Excellence in Education and JASPA/NASPA.

Tina Choe, Dean of Frank R. Seaver College of Science and Engineering, Academic Dean’s Session

Tina Choe, Ph.D., is dean of the Frank R. Seaver College of Science and Engineering at Loyola Marymount University. When appointed in April 2015, she became the college’s 11th dean and the first woman to serve in the position. Dean Choe worked at Dow Chemical Company and was the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Fellow before joining LMU in 1995. An organic chemist by training, her areas of scholarship include natural product synthesis, new synthetic methods development, and science education.

Prior to her deanship, she held multiple leadership roles at LMU including serving as Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Notably, she served as the faculty shepherd of the Life Sciences building project for eight years, providing leadership from concept to completion of LMU’s newest building that supports innovation and advancement in STEM education and research. Dean Choe is known for her strong commitment to academic excellence and student success.

Robbin D. Crabtree, Dean of Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts, Academic Dean’s Session

Robbin D. Crabtree, Ph.D., is dean of the Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts at Loyola Marymount University. An accomplished teacher and scholar, she is widely published in her areas of scholarly interest: intercultural communication, gender studies, pedagogy, and service-learning. Formerly dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Fairfield University, Crabtree is respected for her strong commitment to Catholic and Jesuit education. She is also a champion of the practical, inherent, enduring value of a liberal arts education, about which she writes and speaks often.

James Erps, S.J., Director of Campus Ministry & Resident Minister, Sacred Heart Chapel Tour

Jim Erps, S.J., has served as a campus minister since he was ordained a Jesuit Priest in 1980. This is his fifth “incarnation” at LMU. He came here as a freshman in 1966, as a Jesuit scholastic (seminarian) in 1971, as a young priest in 1983, as law school chaplain in 1996 and presently as Director of Campus Ministry since 2009. He has also served as Director of Campus Ministry at Boston College and Newman...
Chaplain at Stanford University. Fr. Erps has a strong interest in liturgy and helped develop the program at LMU in the 1980s. He also brought CLC to LMU in 1991.

Joe Everson, Artist, Men’s Basketball Game Halftime

Joe Everson is a renaissance man — artist, vocalist, musician, and photographer. His viral videos of singing the National Anthem while painting a live-action artwork have over 145 million total views. Joe travels the nation as a favorite of professional sports teams and Fortune 500 companies. He has been featured on FOX News, ESPN Sports Center, Fox Sports, SB Nation, NHL.com, Washington Times, CBS sports, USA Today, Huffman Post and has had nationwide coverage from media and celebrities. Joe Everson has performed for the Golden State Warriors, Milwaukee Bucks, Florida Panthers, San Antonio Spurs, Toledo Walleye, Reading Royals, Hershey Bears, Greenville Swamp Rabbits, University of Arkansas, University of Mississippi, University of Alabama, the Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic, PragerU, MINT Museum Charlotte, JJ Watt Foundation, USO San Diego, Winter Equestrian Festival and International Polo Club.

Renee Florsheim, Associate Dean of College of Business Administration, Academic Dean’s Session

Renee Florsheim, M.B.A., J.D., Ph.D., is the associate dean of the undergraduate program at LMU's College of Business Administration. She taught marketing at LMU for nearly 20 years. Florsheim has also held teaching positions at Whittier College, Temple University, Loyola University of Chicago, University of British Columbia and University of Regina.

Facundo Gonzalez Icardi, Student, Global Opportunities

Facundo Gonzalez Icardi is a senior theological studies major. Originally from Uruguay, South America, he has been in the United States for four years now. At LMU, he has been involved in various programs, mostly with the Campus Ministry and Center for Service & Action offices. Alternative Break trips, as well as different kind of retreats, have sparked his interest in the connection between faith and justice, which is the area of theology that he plans on pursuing after he finishes his time at LMU and goes on to receive his Master’s degree.

Branden Grimmett, Associate Provost for Career and Professional Development, Roadmap for Success

Branden joined Loyola Marymount University as associate provost in June 2015, where he leads the university’s Career and Professional Development initiative. In this role he oversees the office responsible for successfully launching 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students into their professional careers. Over 97% of LMU graduates are employed, enrolled in graduate school, or pursuing post-graduate service within six months of graduation. A frequent conference presenter and speaker, Branden specializes in student return on investment, the rebranding of career services and measuring and reporting post-graduate outcomes. His work in the field of career services has been featured in USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, the Education Advisory Board, The Lawlor Review, The Hechinger Report, the Career
Leadership Collective and the book "Will College Pay Off?" by Peter Cappelli of the Wharton School of Business.

Bill Husak, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, This is Hank’s House

Dr. William S. Husak, who was hired as Director of Intercollegiate Athletics in 1998, is in his 20th year at Loyola Marymount University. This 20-year period has been the most prolific in LMU Athletics history as Husak has focused on his mission of winning championships, achieving success in the classroom through graduating all student-athletes in four years and helping them grow as individuals as they move on to the next stages of their life. Since 1998, LMU has seen its most overall success in school history as the Lions have claimed 36 of its overall 49 conference championships (among sports currently sponsored by LMU within NCAA Division I competition) and 45 of its 67 NCAA postseason appearances. Off the field, the Lions continue to rank among the best in the West Coast Conference and in the West in the NCAA’s APR and Graduation Rate.

John Jackson, Head of Outreach and Communications for William H. Hannon Library, Blind Date with a Librarian

John Jackson is the Head of Outreach and Communications for the William H. Hannon Library. Over the past 12 years, John has worked in various academic libraries in a variety of roles, including teaching, cataloging, research support, and communications. Originally from the South, John brought his love of BBQ and bow ties to Los Angeles in 2007 and hasn’t left since.

Ricardo Machón, Special Assistant to the Provost for Undergraduate Education, Roadmap for Success

Professor Machón earned a doctorate in psychology from the University of Southern California in 1986. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and French from USC. As a first-generation college student and immigrant, he is also a graduate of Loyola High School of Los Angeles. He is Professor of Psychology at LMU.

He has almost 15 years of academic administrative experience. He has over 30 professional publications in psychopathology and neurodevelopment of mental disorders. His most recent area of scholarship, some of which he has co-authored with his students, includes integration of pedagogy, psychological science, the first gen experience and Ignatian spirituality. He has also served as mentor to first-gen students as part of our First To Go program over the last 6 years.

Professor Machón is deeply committed to mentoring undergraduate student research. Since 1993, he has directed and mentored over 40 research projects and theses. From 2012-17, he served as mentor for scholars in the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate program and since October 2017, he has served as co-director.

In his most recent administrative position as Special Assistant to the Provost for Undergraduate Education, Professor Machón provides leadership in the following areas: (1) Study Abroad, (2) University Honors Program, (3) Undergraduate Research and Creative Works programs, and (4) National and
International Fellowships. Additionally Machón has responsibility for *CASA de la Mateada*, LMU’s signature social justice-inspired study abroad program in Córdoba, Argentina.

**Einat Metzl, Associate Professor and Chairperson of LMU’s Graduate Marital Family Therapy/Art Therapy Program, DRAWing from College Experience**

Einat Metzl, Ph.D., LMFT, ATR-BC, is a licensed marital and family therapist (MFT) and a registered art therapist (ATR). She is an associate professor and chairperson of the Loyola Marymount University’s graduate Marital Family Therapy / Art Therapy program, and is a therapist in private practice. Einat is committed to expanding art therapy research and bridging our current paradigms of art therapy with related disciplines; weaving our collective knowledge of wellness.

**Thomas Poon, Executive Vice President and Provost, Welcome Lunch**

Thomas Poon, Ph.D., became executive vice president and provost on June 1, 2017, and leads LMU’s Academic Affairs and Student Affairs divisions, including overseeing the university’s educational, scholarly, creative activities, student development, athletics, and enrollment management areas. He is also a tenured professor of chemistry. Poon reports to the president.

Poon previously served at Pitzer College in many senior leadership positions, including interim president, acting president, and senior associate dean of faculty. He was a professor of chemistry and held tenured faculty positions at Pitzer College, Claremont McKenna College, and Scripps College, allowing him to interact with students, faculty, staff, and administrators at all three institutions. He has been a visiting scholar and visiting assistant professor at Columbia University and was an assistant professor of chemistry at Randolph-Macon College.

Poon earned his Ph.D. in chemistry at UCLA in 1995 and his Bachelor of Science degree in 1990 at Fairfield University, a Jesuit institution.

**Pam Rector, Director of Center for Service and Action, Family Service Project**

Pam Rector is the Director of LMU’s Center for Service & Action and a longtime Westchester resident. A graduate of LMU, Pam worked as a school counselor and administrator in LAUSD and the Lennox School District for 22 year. In 1998, Pam came to work at LMU and is the founding Director of the Center for Service & Action, which connects students to nonprofit agencies, social justice issues, and various educational partnerships in the community. When asked about her position, Pam reflected on the inspiration that comes from helping students find their passion for service. She believes that helping students immerse themselves in other communities will give them “greater perspective and more compassionate hearts.” She is heartened to see that LMU students are more involved with community events and organizations than ever before.

**Randall Roche, S.J., Director of Center for Ignatian Spirituality, LMU 101**

Fr. Randy Roche is the Director of the Center for Ignatian Spirituality. He has an M.A. in Theology from Santa Clara University, and an M.S. in Counseling from San Diego State. He has served as LMU Director
of Campus Ministry, Rector of the Jesuit Community at Jesuit High School in Sacramento, Director of Studies and Spiritual Director at the Jesuit Novitiate, and as Pastor, Superior, and Director of Diocesan Campus Ministry at the Newman Center in Honolulu.

Brian Slaught, LMU Alum & Co-Owner of Story Tavern, Senior Families Beer Tasting

Brian Slaught graduated from LMU in 2009 with his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. While at LMU he was a member of Alpha Delta Gamma Fraternity and was a student-athlete on the Men's Rowing team. He is now co-owner of Story Tavern, a European-style pub in the heart of downtown Burbank, CA that specializes in craft beer, hard cider, and pre-prohibition cocktails. www.storytavernburbank.com

Timothy Law Snyder, Ph. D., President of Loyola Marymount University, Welcome with President Timothy Law Snyder

Timothy Law Snyder is the 16th president of Loyola Marymount University. President Snyder has been a distinguished professor and administrator at Jesuit universities for 30 years. He earned his M.A. and his Ph.D. in applied and computational mathematics from Princeton University. He also has an M.S. in mathematics, a B.A. in psychology, and a B.S. in mathematics from the University of Toledo. President Snyder’s academic and research interests include: computational mathematics, data structures, design and analysis of algorithms, geometric probability, digital signal processing, airline flight safety, HIV diagnosis and prevention, and the education of the Millennial Generation.

Under President Snyder’s leadership, LMU envisions itself as the definitive center for global imagination and its impacts. Guided by our university’s mission, President Snyder challenges LMU to maximize its global impact, to leverage its creativity, and to develop new opportunities for interdisciplinarity. He advocates for increasing LMU’s reputational capital by expanding its visibility on the world stage. His dynamic and forward-thinking style inspires and propels our community to pursue new heights of undeniable excellence.

Among President Snyder’s professional, intellectual, and creative pursuits, he is an active musician. He writes, arranges, records, masters, and produces his own music, which you can find online at lmu.edu/snydertunes. President Snyder is also active in social media. Connect with him by following @LMUSnyder on Twitter.

Stephen Ujlaki, Dean of School of Film and Television, Academic Dean’s Session

Stephen Ujlaki, producer of 30 feature films, made-for-television movies and documentaries, is dean of the Loyola Marymount University School of Film and Television (SFTV). Appointed in 2010, Dean Ujlaki has established important programs and partnerships that have elevated SFTV from a hidden gem to a top-ranked program. He is a strong advocate of career pathways, cultivating key partnerships with organizations such as Film Independent that provide students and alumni with access to the industry. In 2013, Dean Ujlaki launched “The Hollywood Masters,” an interview series that connects students with Academy Award-winning directors, screenwriters and producers, now screening on Netflix.
Joshua Villalobos, Student, Global Opportunities

Josh Villalobos is a Senior Mechanical Engineering major from San Gabriel, CA. During his time at LMU, he has served as a Resident Advisor, the VP of Recruitment for his chapter of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, and currently works as a Study Abroad Peer Advisor. He studied abroad in Bonn, Germany, on the LMU Engineering Program in fall of 2015.

Jessica Viramontes, Alternative Breaks Program Coordinator, Global Opportunities

Jessica Viramontes is the Alternative Breaks Program Coordinator in the Center for Service and Action. Jessica has worked primarily in non-profits around immigration rights, educational equity, homelessness, and food justice issues. She taught Ethnic Studies at East Los Angeles Community College for several years and has traveled extensively through Latin America focusing on human rights issues. On her spare time she gardens, and plays soccer. Jessica will also be graduating from Law school this upcoming May.

Rabbi Zachary Zysman, Campus Rabbi/Director of Jewish Life/ LMU Hillel Ethnic and Intercultural Services, Shabbat Dinner

Rabbi Zachary Zysman was born December 12, 1977, in Los Angeles, CA. He received his B.A. in early childhood education from San Francisco State University, M.A. in human development from Pacific Oaks College, M.A. in Hebrew Letters and M.A. in Jewish Education from Hebrew Union College where, on May 15, 2016, he was ordained as rabbi. Zach hopes to weave together his many years of experience working with children and families and the twelve years in Jewish education as an early childhood educator, combined with the rabbinical education to make a significant and measurable difference in people’s Jewish and spiritual lives. He is married to Nadine and has three children: Bernie, Taryn and Jac. It is Rabbi Zach’s honor to be bringing his passion and excitement to Loyola Marymount University. Go Lions!