New DSS Staff Members

Sarah Solovy was hired in November 2019 as a DSS Specialist. Sarah received her B.A. in Social Work from Western Illinois University and her M.A. in Social Work from University of Illinois at Chicago. Sarah has worked as a Social Worker in the UK with adults with disabilities and as a Clinician with students with disabilities at DePaul University in Chicago. Sarah has spent extended time volunteering abroad in the townships of South African and the orphanages of Haiti. She enjoys maintaining a healthy lifestyle with running marathons, biking, swimming, hiking and cooking. Sarah will be assisting in the coordination of the student notetaking program and other DSS related matters.

Bryan Froderman is an LMU graduate student who received a B.A. in Studio Arts at LMU in 2018. He is working towards his M.A. in Counseling through the LPCC track and expects to graduate in 2022 with hopes of working in the community mental health field. Bryan is originally from Phoenix, AZ. Bryan spends his personal time reading, riding his bike, and spending time with his friends and family. He is thrilled to be working at DSS to help support students throughout their academic journey.

Shanice McLeish is an LMU graduate student who received a B.Sc. in Biology and Psychology from Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Shanice is working towards an M.A. in Bioethics and graduates in 2020. Shanice is involved as the Craves Impact Fellow at the Bioethics Institute, the Chief Communications Officer for GSLMU, the Graduate Assistant for Disability Support Services, and as a student member on LMU’s Board of Trustees, and the Intercultural Affairs Advisory Committee. She is passionate about all topics related to social and global justice and hopes to effect positive change by pursuing a career in global health and/or health policy, and one-day give back to her home, Jamaica, in a meaningful way as it relates to her life's work. Shanice enjoys playing sports, traveling and spending time with loved ones, including her 2-year-old dog, Vinny.

If you have time, stop by to say hello to any of the new DSS staff members.

DSS Assistive Technology

Are you a Disability Support Services (DSS) student that has been approved for note taking or audio recording accommodations and would like to learn more about assistive technology?

Please contact DSS by email at dsslmu@lmu.edu or by calling 310-338-4216 for information about assistive technology.
Library Computer Loan Program

Frequent library users know that students, staff, and faculty can check out laptops from the Tech on 2 desk. The library has 5 MacBooks and 16 MacBook Pros available for 4-hour lending. However, they are limited to in-library use only.

For a longer lending period, there are 5 Chromebooks available for 1-week periods. These will be first-come, first-serve and can be renewed for an additional week if there is no waiting list.

These laptops are only available to LMU students, staff, and faculty. Here are a few things to note:

- The Chromebooks reset after a reboot or 60 minutes of idle time.
- Users can’t install apps.
- Users can’t print directly from these devices.
- Chromebooks inherently restrict the installation of many applications and are really only good for web surfing and web-based productivity suites including Office 365.

Contact: library@lmu.edu if you have any questions.

Spring 2020 Wellness Groups and Workshops

Student Psychological Services (SPS) offers a range of workshops and groups to help students reach wellness goals.

- Body Beautiful
- Getting What You Want: Essentials of Interpersonal Effectiveness
- Grief and Loss Support Group
- Overcoming Anxiety & Stress
- Thriving with Depression
- Social Anxiety & Social Skills Group
- The Circle: An LGBT+ Discussion Group
- Sisters Chat: Black Women Connect
- Yoga for Trauma Recovery
- Prosperando Juntos

Please call SPS at 310-338-2868 for information.
Career and Professional Development—Career Trek Programs

Career and Professional Development’s (CPD) Career Treks program brings students into workplaces in order to expose them to potential career paths and broaden their understanding of industries. The program leverages LMU’s well-positioned and successful alumni who are excited to share their insights and personal career stories with students. Participants will engage with LMU graduates around specific interests through targeted learning, conversation, and informal networking.

Upcoming dates and locations:

- March 2020 - New York
- March 2020 - Seattle
- October 2020 - Bay Area

Visit CPD at - https://careers.lmu.edu/events/careertreks/ for program details.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program Introductory Session

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers fully-funded research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students (with U.S. citizenship). During their grants, students will meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country, sharing daily experiences. The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others’ viewpoints and beliefs, the way they do things, and the way they think. Through engagement in the community, the individual will interact with their hosts on a one-to-one basis in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity, and intellectual freedom, thereby promoting mutual understanding.

LMU undergraduate and graduate students of all majors are invited to learn more about the 2021-22 program.

Tuesday, February 25 at 4:30pm to 5:30pm at Malone Student Center, 112 A

Gilman Scholarship Drop In Information

Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship is a grant program that enables undergraduate students with financial need to study abroad.

Drop in details:

- Receive essay and/or follow-on service project feedback
- Ask eligibility or other application questions
- Learn more about this award

Gilman is seeking applicants for Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and AY 2020 study/intern abroad programs. The deadline to apply is March 3, 2020.

Visit - https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/program/program-overview/.

Drop in: Friday, February 14 at 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Leavey Suite I
Announcements

DSS Online Portal for Accommodations
DSS online portal for access to your approved accommodations. At the beginning of every semester students must log in to access their DSS approved accommodations. Visit: https://andes.accessiblelearning.com/LMU/, click on “Sign In” and login with your LMU credentials. You can select the accommodations that you would like to use per class. Contact DSS if you need assistance with requesting accommodations or with the website.

Phone: 310-338-4216 or email: dsslmu@lmu.edu

Educational Testing Services (ETS)
Many of you will be taking the GRE, GMAT, PRAXIS, TOEFL, or some other high-stakes examination this year. To help you prepare more effectively, the Office of Disability Policy at Educational Testing Services (ETS) has developed a brochure, “Tips for Test Takers with Disabilities.” This brochure can be found on the ETS Office of Disability Policy website.

Parking Fees in PROWL
Students need to opt out of parking each semester or the fees will stay on their account.

All students registered in 7 or more semester hours will automatically be charged for parking via their student account on a semester basis. Students planning on parking at LMU will not opt out of parking fees but will need to register their vehicle to avoid a citation.

Visit: parking@lmu.edu for more information.

LMU Public Safety APP
Download “Rave Guardian” for free from Google Play or the App Store.

This new safety app allows you to text with LMU’s Public Safety if you feel endangered or want to discreetly report suspicious activity.

This app has replaced the former LMU “LiveSafe” app.

Playa Vista Shuttle - APP
The shuttle is open to all students, faculty and staff members, and anyone outside the LMU community who wants to ride. The route will include stops on the Westchester campus (University Hall flagpoles and Lawton Plaza), the LMU Playa Vista Campus, and the Runway in Playa Vista, home to a variety of restaurants and retail stores. This service is provided free of charge.

Download the app: “LMU Transit” and is available for download on both iOS and Android platforms.

DSS MISSION & GOALS:
Loyola Marymount University’s Disability Support Services (DSS) Office provides specialized assistance and resources to enable students with physical, perceptual, learning, ADHD and/or psychological disabilities to achieve maximum independence while pursuing their educational goals. Services are offered to students who have established disabilities under federal and state law.