

2024-2025 Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Leon Wiebers, M.F.A

Professor of Costume Design
Chair of Theatre Arts
Communication & Fine Arts
Loyola Marymount University

President

Leon Wiebers is an award-winning costume designer with productions in the United States, Off-Broadway, and internationally. He was awarded a prestigious Fulbright Research Award to South Korea examining traditional dress. Recent credits: *13 Fruitcakes*, an original musical/opera for LaMamma, ETC, Seoul Performing Arts Festival and the Edinburgh Festival, *Oslo* for Pioneer Theatre, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* at St. Louis Rep and Cincinnati Playhouse; *The Music Man* at Glimmerglass Festival, Royal Opera in Oman; *Gypsy* and *The King and I* at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre; *Empire, Man Of LaMancha* at LaMirada Performing Arts; other companies: the Hollywood Bowl; California Music Circus for over 10 years and 20 productions, San Francisco Opera Center, English National Opera, Theatre du Chatelet in Paris, the National Theatre of Korea. He is a member of United Scenic Artists, 829, a board member of the Costume Society of America, and a full professor at Loyola Marymount University.



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Brendan Smith, Ph.D.

Vice President

Mechanical Engineering
Seaver College of Science and Engineering
Loyola Marymount University

Brendan Smith is an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. He teaches Senior Capstone Design and courses in Control Theory and Biomedical Engineering. He also directs the Rehabilitation, Assistive Tech & Human Control Theory (REACT) Laboratory where he leads several ongoing projects that include undergraduate and graduate students. Dr. Smith graduated with a B.S. in Engineering from Harvey Mudd College in 2011, then graduated with a M.S. and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Irvine in 2017. He joined the LMU community in 2017 as an Assistant Professor and is always on the lookout for students who are motivated and eager to apply their engineering skillset to urgent clinical needs around the globe.



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Nora Murphy, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology

Bellarmino College of Liberal Arts

Loyola Marymount University

Secretary

Nora Murphy is a Professor of Psychological Science. Dr. Murphy received her doctoral degree in Social/Personality Psychology at Northeastern University in Boston MA. Her research focuses on nonverbal communication in social interactions and behavioral measurement. Her work appears in numerous psychology journals including the *Annual Review of Psychology*, *Personality and Individual Differences*, and *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. Dr. Murphy is an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior* and Consulting Editor for the *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. She holds fellowship status in the *Society for Experimental Social Psychology*, *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, and the *Western Psychological Association*. Dr. Murphy has served on numerous committees across all levels of service, including Faculty-in-Residence, Associate Chair of the Department of Psychological Science, and the BCLA Faculty Development Committee. She won the 2018 *BCLA Daum Mid-Career Faculty Research Award*, which recognizes a tenured associate professor “who has exhibited a record of consistent excellence in all areas of faculty responsibility,” and the 2017 *LMU Inclusive Excellence Exemplary Higher Education Leadership Award* for her facilitation of LMU faculty bias literacy workshops. This is her second term as Faculty Senate Secretary.



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Christopher A. Daily, Ph.D.

Senior Lecturer of Theological Studies
Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts
Loyola Marymount University

Fourth Member

Christopher A. Daily received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London and has taught at LMU since 2018-19 as a Senior Lecturer. Starting in Fall 2023, he will serve in a new role as an Instructor in Theological Studies. Prior to relocating to L.A., he was Associate Professor of Asian Religions at Regent's University London. His research focuses on East Asian religions, especially Chinese Protestant Christianity, and he is the author of *Robert Morrison and the Protestant Plan for China* (Hong Kong University Press). He is currently working on a new book project, which examines ways in which Chinese Christianity has absorbed elements of Daoism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Chinese folk religions. He has previously held year-long research fellowships from the Freeman Foundation, the East-West Center (University of Hawai'i), and the British Academy and is an elected Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This is his third year serving on Faculty Senate.

