



Executive Vice President and Provost

DATE: November 20, 2025

TO: Full-Time Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty

FROM: Kathleen Weaver
Interim Executive Vice President and Provost

SUBJECT: Faculty Service Report - Calendar Year 2025

Below please find your Faculty Service Report form for the calendar year 2025. This form is also available at <https://academics.lmu.edu/ofd/promotionsfsr/>. This form is intended to help you document your achievements during the past year and, when completed, will provide the basis for your evaluation by your department Chair and Dean. If you are serving as a department Chair or Associate Dean, then the completed 2025 Faculty Service Report is due to your Dean or their designee.

The suggested page limit is either 6-pages or defer to your college's page limits. Faculty may also receive a specific reporting format required by their Dean.

Each department Chair and Dean will evaluate the faculty member's total contribution. This will provide an opportunity for you to reflect upon your total contribution to the University, among your peers, and within your discipline or field during the year, and to consider any areas where you would like to increase your involvement.

As per Faculty Handbook (III.A), faculty who do not submit an FSR will be ineligible for merit pay. This would include any faculty compensation tied to merit, such as has been stipulated in past equity increases. A specific timetable follows to inform your completion of the report for discussion with your department Chair. Please meet the specific dates in the timetable, to allow preparation of the 2026-2027 contracts on schedule.

- **February 5, 2026:** Completed 2025 Faculty Service Report due to your department Chair (or to your Dean/their designee if you are serving as department Chair or Associate Dean).
- **February 11 – March 9, 2026:** "The department Chair will meet privately with each member of the faculty to review services through the past year. At this meeting the department Chair will discuss the faculty member's self-evaluation and service as described in the Faculty Service Report. The department Chair will comment on the faculty member's overall performance. No determination as to merit is to be made at this meeting. Merit recommendations will be made only after the review of all department faculty." (Faculty Handbook, 2025, III. C. b., pg.16)

At least two business days prior to the meeting with an individual faculty member, the department Chair will provide the faculty member with a

written report and evaluation. After the meeting, the department Chair and individual faculty member are expected to sign and date the written report and evaluation to acknowledge that a discussion of the written report and evaluation took place. The department Chair will provide a copy of the written report and evaluation signed by both parties to the individual faculty member for their records and will also forward to the Dean. If the individual faculty member does not want to provide a signature on the written report and evaluation, then they are asked to provide a letter of dissent which should be signed and attached to the written report and evaluation.

- **February 11 – March 20, 2026:** "The department Chair will meet with the Dean and discuss the evaluation and ranking for each member of the department and the merit recommendations to be made to the Provost." (Faculty Handbook, 2025, III. C. c., pg. 16)

"The Dean will review the recommendations of all department Chairs and will recommend the amount of merit to be given to each member of the faculty." (Faculty Handbook, 2025, III. C. d., pg. 16)

If the Dean's recommendation to the Provost differs from the Chair's recommendation, the Dean must notify the faculty member in writing before making a recommendation to the Provost.

March 20, 2026: Dean sends merit recommendations to Provost.

Teaching / Advising

In 2025, my teaching and advising activities expanded significantly. I taught three sections of Algorithms & Analysis and launched a new graduate special topics course on Decentralized Algorithms. I emphasize hands-on learning and active problem-solving. For Decentralized Algorithms, I adopted a paper-reading and discussion-oriented approach, which deepened student engagement with current research. One student, Harsh Devisha, became interested in my research through this course and I hired him as a Graduate Research Assistant the following semester. My courses have proven effective for identifying students interested in research; all of my current research advisees discovered my work through either CMSI 2130 or CMSI 6998. My advising efforts resulted in multiple student presentations at national and international conferences, and I hired several undergraduate and graduate research assistants through external grant funding and college support. These activities directly support LMU's mission by fostering inclusive, research-driven education and providing students from diverse backgrounds with opportunities to engage in cutting-edge scholarship.

Courses Taught

Semester	Course	Enroll	Units	Responses	Rate	Effect. (SD)
Spring 2025	CMSI 2130	23	4	13/23	57%	4.08 (1.19)
Spring 2025	CMSI 6998	6	3	5/6	83%	5.00 (0.00)
Spring 2025	Independent Study (Game Theory)	1	1	—	—	—
Fall 2025	CMSI 2130 (Sec 01)	12	4	11/12	92%	4.73 (0.65)
Fall 2025	CMSI 2130 (Sec 02)	38	4	25/38	66%	4.36 (0.99)
Aggregate (4 sections)		80	16	54/79	68%	4.43 (0.96)

Undergraduate

Graduate

Highest-rated areas (aggregate):

- Learning outcomes effectively addressed: 4.67/5.0 (SD: 0.73)
- Learning outcomes clearly stated: 4.63/5.0 (SD: 0.65)
- Instructor accessible for discussions: 4.59/5.0 (SD: 0.66)

Selected student feedback:

- “I found the example scenarios that Professor Coleman worked through to be the most beneficial aspect of the course... By working extensively on a set number of scenarios for every topic we covered, Professor Coleman prepared us to extrapolate from those example problems and apply that understanding not only to similar types of problems on exams but also to completely new scenarios we might encounter in the real world.”
- “The review at the beginning of each class was great. It is rare that professors take the time to do this and I really felt like it helped me understand the material 10 times better.”
- “I really enjoyed your teaching style, it really allows us to think about our answers and even if we answer wrong he always builds off of the answer and turns everything into an amazing learning opportunity.”

Response to feedback: In response to student requests for more accessible course materials, I de-

veloped a dedicated course website with organized lecture notes, resources, and supplementary materials available outside of Brightspace.

Advising and Mentorship

Name	Dates	Current Projects	Publications & Notes
Harsh Devisha	Fall 2025	Cooperative mobile agent algorithms	Graduate Research Assistant
Mohammadali Khodabandehlou	Fall 2024–	Dynamic IoT task graph scheduling	“Poster Abstract: Scheduling Dynamic IoT Task Graphs” [1]; Co-advised (USC Ph.D.)
Jason Chamorro	Spring 2025–	Stochastic/online scheduling	“Adapting Classic Scheduling Heuristics for Online Execution under Uncertainty” [2] (lead author); LMU Symposium poster
Diego Cuadros	Fall 2024–	LLMs for Endangered Language Translation	“A Chatbot for Endangered Language Research” [3]; LMU Symposium poster
Nick Leeds	Spring 2025–	LLMs for Endangered Language Translation	—
Gabriel Twigg-Ho	Fall 2024–	Dynamic scheduling problems	“Adapting Classic Scheduling Heuristics for Online Execution under Uncertainty” [2] (co-author); Exchange student
Matias Martinez Gonzalez	Fall 2025–	Task Duplication in Scheduling	—
Nicholas Laus	Fall 2025–	Integrating SAGA with Parsl	—
Abe Moore Odell	Spring 2025	Game Theory	Independent Study (1 unit)

Graduate

Undergraduate

Other Teaching Activities

- **Pre-College Summer Program:** Ran a two-week “Python for AI-Powered Applications” course (June 23–July 3, 2025) for LMU’s pre-college summer program, introducing high school students to programming and AI concepts

Scholarship / Research / Creative Works

In 2025, my research program advanced across my three research areas: task graph scheduling algorithms, AI for endangered language preservation, and algorithms for cooperative mobile agents. I secured my first NSF grant as PI (\$150,000) and a second NSF conference grant (\$50,000), published and presented papers at top venues including SIROCCO, IPDPS, JSSPP, CCCG, and SC, and submitted proposals totaling over \$700,000. My research directly involves students at all levels and addresses societal challenges through technology (e.g., using AI to support Indigenous language revitalization). My teaching and research are closely integrated: my graduate course CMSI 6998 (Decentralized Algorithms) draws directly from my research on distributed systems and scheduling, and both CMSI 2130 and CMSI 6998 have been pipelines for recruiting students into my research program. These efforts align with LMU's mission to address societal challenges, promote interdisciplinary collaboration, and foster student involvement in impactful research.

Grants and Proposals

Grant/Proposal	Amount	Role	Date	Description
NSF CRII	\$150,000	PI	Jul 2025	Extending SAGA, our library for comparing task scheduling algorithms [4]
NSF Conference Grant	\$50,000	PI	Aug 2025	Host a workshop at LMU on AI and Endangered Language Revitalization [5]
OpenAI API Credits	\$1,000	PI	Jan 2025	LLMs for Endangered Language Revitalization
NSF DLI-DEL	\$229,501	PI	Sep 2025	LLMs and Endangered Language Preservation; LMU lead (\$450K total)
MAIDAS Subaward	\$150,000	Co-PI	Dec 2025	Co-design lead on \$30M platform proposal (5 years)
Amazon AWS Think Big	\$50,000	PI	Nov 2025	AI and language research
Schmidt Sciences	—	PI	Apr 2025	Humanities and AI Virtual Institute (2 EOIs)
Imminent Grant	\$20,000	PI	Aug 2025	Endangered language translation research

Awarded Pending Not Awarded

Total Awarded (2025): \$201,000 **Total Pending:** \$429,501+

Publications and Submissions

Title	Type	Venue	Presented
“The Power of Knowledge in Linear Search for an Escaping Target” [6]	Journal	JCSS	—
Multimodal Search on a Line (extended)	Journal	Algorithmica	—
“Multimodal Search on a Line” [7]	Conf	SIROCCO	J. Coleman (Jun 3)
“PISA: An Adversarial Approach to Comparing Task Graph Scheduling Algorithms” [8]	Conf	IPDPS	J. Coleman (Jun 5)
“Evaluating the Impact of Algorithmic Components on Task Graph Scheduling” [9]	Conf	JSSPP	J. Coleman (Jun 4)
“Evaluating Scheduling Algorithms for Adaptive Orchestration in Federated Tactical Edge Cloud Environments” [10]	Conf	ICMCIS	Co-author
“Linear Search with Probabilistic Detection and Variable Speeds” [11]	Conf	IWOCA	Co-author
Optimal Delivery with a Faulty Drone	Conf	ACDA	—
“Optimal Delivery with a Faulty Drone” [12]	Conf	CCCG	Co-author
“Adapting Classic Scheduling Heuristics for Online Execution under Uncertainty” [2]	Workshop	WORKS	J. Chamorro (Nov 17)
LLM Translation for Low-Resource Lang.	Workshop	LoResMT	—
LLM Translation for Low-Resource Lang.	Conf	AAAI AISI	—
Preemption in Dynamic Task Scheduling	Conf	ICPP	—
“Poster Abstract: Scheduling Dynamic IoT Task Graphs” [1]	Poster	SenSys	M. Khodabandehlou
“A Chatbot for Endangered Language Research” [3]	Poster	AmericasNLP	D. Cuadros (Apr 29)
<i>Resilient Scheduling in Distributed Systems: Benchmarking and Adversarial Analysis with SAGA</i> [13]	Tutorial	ICDCN	J. Coleman (Jan 2026)
<i>Edge Computing at the Tactical Edge</i> [14]	Report	NATO STO	—

Accepted/Published

Under Review

Rejected

Ongoing Research Projects

Project	Description
Dynamic Scheduling	Extending online scheduling work to handle dynamic task arrivals (J. Chamorro; w/ B. Krishnamachari)
SAGA Integration	Integrating SAGA with other workflow technologies such as Parsl (N. Laus; w/ B. Krishnamachari)
Conditional Scheduling	Extending SAGA for scheduling problems with conditional branches (G. Twigg-Ho; w/ B. Krishnamachari)
Task Duplication	Exploring how running tasks on multiple nodes can improve scheduling (M. Martinez Gonzalez; w/ B. Krishnamachari)
Constraint-Based Scheduling	Extending SAGA for multi-nation NATO use-cases with advanced constraints (w/ B. Krishnamachari, NATO collaborators)
LLM Translation	Extending to complex grammatical structures, evaluating on other models/languages (D. Cuadros, N. Leeds; w/ B. Krishnamachari, K. Iskarous, K. Toal, R. Rosales)
Conlang Generation	Using low-resource translation tools to create realistic constructed languages for evaluation (seeking collaborators; w/ B. Krishnamachari, K. Iskarous, K. Toal, R. Rosales)
Search & Rescue in the Plane	Extending cooperative search and delivery problems to the plane (w/ E. Kranakis, O. Morales-Ponce, D. Krizanc)

Scheduling

Translation

Mobile Agents

Service

In 2025, I significantly expanded my service contributions across university, professional, and community domains. I took on leadership roles in multiple committees, including chairing the LMU Indigenous Working Group, joining the Seaver DEI Committee, and participating in both the CS and LMU-wide Generative AI Task Forces. My community engagement focused on Indigenous issues included organizing events, managing the Indigenous Community Hub website, and participating in advocacy efforts. Professionally, I served on an NSF review panel, multiple program committees, and as a reviewer for top journals and conferences. These activities demonstrate my commitment to LMU’s mission of promoting equity, inclusion, and service to the broader community.

Committee Memberships

Committee	Level	Role	Joined	Description
Indigenous Working Group	University	Chair	Oct 2025	Elected Chair; previously active member
Seaver DEI Committee	College	Member	Aug 2025	Diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives
LMU GenAI Task Force	University	Member	Aug 2025	University-wide policy on Generative AI
CS GenAI Task Force	Department	Member	Jul 2025	Documents on GenAI in higher education
AI & Indigenous Languages Workshop Committee	Professional	Chair	Sep 2025	Organizing committee for NSF-funded workshop
AAAI AISI Program Committee	Professional	Member	Sep 2025	AI for Social Impact track
WISDOM 2025 Program Committee	Professional	Member	Jul 2025	Workflows in support of large-scale science
CCGrid Artifact Evaluation Committee	Professional	Member	Mar 2025	Artifact evaluation

University/College/Dept	Professional
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Events

Date	Event	Role	Description
Dec 3, 2025	IN FOCUS: Indigenous Representation	Organizer	Featured Tazbah Rose Chavez & Pamela J. Peters
Nov 12, 2025	LLL Series, Univ. of Illinois Chicago	Invited Speaker	Talk on LLMs and Endangered Language Revitalization
Oct 24, 2025	Seaver Family Night	Presenter	Gave Lightning Lecture
Oct 6, 2025	MILCOM 2025	Session Chair	Data Integrity & Threat Awareness session
Sep 18, 2025	NSF CSR PI Meeting	Attendee	Boca Raton, Florida
Sep 5, 2025	Univ. of Arizona Dept. of Linguistics	Invited Speaker	AI and Indigenous Language Revitalization
May 24, 2025	NSF DLI Community of Science	Attendee	Indigenous Language Preservation event
Mar 20, 2025	Indigenous Working Group Talk	Organizer	Hosted Teri Red Owl on Indigenous water rights
Jan 22, 2025	Seaver Lunch N' Learn	Attendee	International Collaborations with Indian Institutions

Professional Service (Reviewing & Organizing)

Venue	Type	Date	Role
NetCompute Workshop @ INFOCOM	Workshop	Nov 2025	Co-Chair
SC 2025 Reproducibility Challenge	Conference	Jan 2025	Committee
NSF DLI-DEL Panel	Grant Panel	May 2025	Panelist
IEEE Transactions on Computers	Journal	Sep 2025	Reviewer
Discrete Applied Mathematics	Journal	Jun 2025	Reviewer
Theoretical Computer Science	Journal	Dec 2025	Reviewer
Int'l Journal of Computer Applications (IJCAT)	Journal	Jan 2025	Reviewer

Other Service & Engagement

- **Adjunct Appointment at USC** (May 2025): Accepted to facilitate collaboration and co-advicing with USC faculty and students
- **LMU Indigenous Community Hub** (Jun 2025): Took over management and updated the website
- **Tribal Settlement Letter** (Aug 2025): Signed letter urging Los Angeles to commit to Tribal settlement negotiations (corresponding author: Sophia Borgias)
- **Kubishi Survey** (Jul 2025): Conducted and published IRB-approved survey on digital tools for Owens Valley Paiute Language Revitalization
- **Coinbase** (started Jan 2025): Consulting on using reinforcement learning to detect fraud in blockchain transactions

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The signatures below confirm that the department Chair's Written Report and Evaluation was provided to the individual faculty member on _____(MM/DD/YY) and that a FSR Discussion took place between the department Chair and individual faculty member on _____(MM/DD/YY).

Name of Individual Faculty Member

Signature of Individual Faculty Member

Date

Name of Department Chair

Signature of Department Chair

Date

OPTIONAL

I received and have read my department Chair's Written Report and Evaluation but I decline the opportunity to meet with my department Chair for an FSR discussion.

Name of Individual Faculty Member

Signature of Individual Faculty Member

Date

OPTIONAL

I decline to sign this document and will provide my department Chair and Dean with a separate letter of dissent to be attached to this document.

Name of Individual Faculty Member

Signature of Individual Faculty Member

Date