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A 1973 Newsletter, Revitalized.

## Feminist News, Today

### Student Athlete Allegations

Starting on March 25th, LMU student athletes started coming forward about emotional abuse from coach Scott Guerrero on the cross country and track team. It has been over a month since these allegations were brought to light, and nothing has been done. Scott Guerrero is still coaching the track team while currently under investigation. Even though there has been a lack of support from LMU administration, the WGST Department stands with the student athletes that have come forward.

### Chauvin Conviction

April 20th was an important and pivotal day. Derek Chauvin was convicted of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter for the murder of George Floyd. As feminists and abolitionists, this is hard to grapple with. We know that conviction is not justice, but it is still ok to feel relief in the fact that Chauvin was found guilty. Ultimately, the goal is to end policing and mass incarceration, but we can notice that this is still a small victory.

### Covid vaccine required to come back to LMU for Fall 2021

On April 26th, President Timothy Law Snyder announced that students must be vaccinated before returning to campus for fall semester. He noted that LMU will allow exceptions for students with qualifying medical and religious reasons. In California, everyone ages 16 and up are now eligible for the vaccine!

## Student Spotlight

Alex Schuster is a graduating WGST senior who has had a powerful life journey — one that has been greatly influenced by her time in the major. She transferred to LMU after leaving a toxic sports program at St. Mary's College and after taking time to recover from addiction. Alex said that despite a difficult recovery journey and a relationship with an abusive partner, the WGST never gave up on her. "My classmates listen to me. The professor validates and pushes me to further exploration ... I am strong and capable of so much more than what [society] expect[s] of me." But outside of the department, she faces many of the same judgements that all WGST majors do. "Why do I constantly have to defend the subject matter that I choose to study?" she asked. "I often get the comment 'good for you!' followed by an eye roll and laughter and silence." The contrast between inside the major and the outside world is a large one, but WGST has helped Alex explain it. "As my research into various feminist movements and theories grow, I also notice that I can put language to my experiences in the world," she wrote. "It sucks out the fog and makes everything clear." Alex's senior thesis is entitled "The Promise of White Feminism: How MLM's utilize #girlboss Feminism for Exploitation," and explores how popular feminism has been used as a tool of capitalism. Alex hopes for an anti-neoliberal feminist future that includes collective action and a "politics that protects the most vulnerable in society."

## Upcoming Events

**Senior Symposium:** Friday, April 30th @ 3pm pst

<https://lmula.zoom.us/j/7448916040>

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