

# GRAY MATTERS

News of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
Sonoma State University



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## Please welcome our new Interim OLLI Director, Jason Lau, Ph.D.

Dr. Jason Lau has been with Sonoma State University since 2015. Currently, he serves as Interim Associate Dean for the School of Extended and International Education. Dr. Lau holds a Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership Studies from The University of Iowa. He earned his Bachelor of Arts (summa cum laude) and Master of Arts in Leisure, Youth and Human Services Administration from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). In addition, he achieved a Diploma in Social Work (credit) from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He served as a registered social worker before pursuing his education in the United States.



Before joining Sonoma State, Dr. Lau served as Community Education and Lifelong Learning Director at the College of Marin. He was responsible for planning, developing and operating various short-term, not-for-credit programs, including community services that provide continuing and lifelong learning opportunities for Marin County residents. He also managed the Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM), a pioneer in the innovative use of community colleges for older adult learners.

## WE ARE IN OUR 4TH WEEK OF FALL CLASSES, AND OLLI STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS LOVE BEING BACK ON CAMPUS!



*Professor Mick Chantler is teaching a class on Teddy Roosevelt*



*Professor Allan Bernstein's class on Research in Memory Disorders*

# OLLI WINTER 2023 CLASS SCHEDULE: JANUARY 30–MARCH 10, 2023

*In-Person/Zoom Class Options: (7) six-week; (3) three-week; (2) two-hour*

## SIX-WEEK CLASSES:

**Antiwar Thought in America**, with Mick Chantler (In-Person)

**Divine Decadence: Women, Art and Culture in the 18th Century**, with Heidi Chretien (In-Person)

**Engraved on the Heart: A History of Italy**, with Douglas Kenning (In-Person)

**John Huston: A Family Legacy**, with Barbara Spear (In-Person)

**How Government Policy Decisions Affect Us**, with Jon Haveman & Guests (Zoom)

**The Who: From Mod Anthems to Rock Opera**, with Richie Unterberger (Zoom)

**Folk Singers and The Bureau**, with Aaron J. Leonard (Zoom)

## THREE-WEEK CLASSES:

**Smothers Brothers**, with Martin Marshall (In-Person)

**Bog of Memories**, with Riversteadt LaMoreaux (Zoom)

**Climate Change**, with Nicole Myers (Zoom)

## OLLI À LA CARTE CLASS:

**Mendelssohn in Scotland**, with Kayleen Asbo (Zoom)

**Remote Work and the Bay Area Economy**, with Mike Arnold (In-Person)

## SAVE THE DATE

for the Winter Course Preview:  
Monday, January 9, 2023,  
at 10 a.m. on Zoom

Stay tuned for more information!

Be sure to check our website  
[olli.sonoma.edu](http://olli.sonoma.edu) for the latest news.



## THANK YOU!

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OLLI at the Women in  
Conversation event at the  
Green Music Center!

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