

# OLLI Insider

## Volume 11 (December 2022)



HAPPY  
*Holidays*

The Holiday Season is here as we bid farewell to another great OLLI year and look forward to an exciting 2023. We have assembled a great Spring I schedule and also have planned to add two new, convenient in-person locations in Spring II, one in Ventura and one in Thousand Oaks. We hope these additional sites will make our OLLI programs more accessible to our community. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to seeing you in our Spring I classes. OLLI at CSUCI wishes you all a safe and pleasant holiday season and a happy new year."—  
-Michael, OLLI Coordinator and Daniel Banyai, Director of OLLI



### Spring I will soon be here!

We hope you are looking forward to an exciting Spring I lineup of courses. Your Curriculum Team has been busy reviewing over fifty proposals to select the best ten for Spring I, including four new instructors. Just to whet your appetite, here are some tidbits:

- How did “Sin City” rise out of the Nevada desert? David Parsons will describe the incredible evolution through indigenous displacement, suburbanization, pop culture, water access, and climate change in **Building Sin City: The History of Las Vegas**.
- It feels like the news is awash in numbers, but what do they really mean? Daniel Sandoval will show us how to become a savvy consumer of statistics and to separate the truth from the hype in **Lies, Damn Lies and Statistics**.
- Experience the unique opportunity to view the criminal justice system from the judge’s chair. Hon. Gary Bindman will explore what it takes to make judgments without judgment in **Lessons Learned from the Bench**.
- Explore the evolution of hominins from the earliest members to the rise of Homo sapiens. Matt Curtis returns with the fossil evidence from seven million years ago up to the appearance of the first members of the genus Homo in **Before the Rise of Humans**.

	Time	Location	Title	Weeks	Class #
Mon	10 AM to 12 PM	CSUCI/Zoom Hy-Flex	Lies, Damn Lies and Statistics (Instructor: Daniel Sandoval)	6	1001
	1 PM to 3 PM	Zoom	Chaplin: The True King of Comedy (Instructor: Nicholas Santa Maria)	6	1002
Tues	10 AM to 12 PM	SCIART/Zoom Hy-Flex	The Blockchain Revolution and Your Future (Instructor: Bijian Fan)	6	1003
	1 PM to 3 PM	CSUCI/Zoom Hy-Flex	Before the Rise of Humans (Instructor: Matthew Curtis)	6	1004
Wed	10 AM to 12 PM	SCIART/Zoom Hy-Flex	Exhibitions That Make Art History (Instructor: Katherine Zoraster)	6	1005
	1 PM to 3 PM	Zoom	Lessons Learned From the Bench (Instructor: Hon. Gary L. Bindman)	6	1006
Thurs	10 AM to 12 PM	Zoom	Building Sin City: The History of Las Vegas (Instructor: David Parsons)	6	1007
	1 PM to 3 PM	Zoom	Misuse of the American Military Since 1945 (Instructor: Michael Baker)	6	1008
Fri	10 AM to 12 PM	Zoom	Tough Dames: Women Writing Noir (Instructor: Robert Weibezahl)	6	1009
	1 PM to 3 PM	Zoom	Our Amazing Universe (Instructor: Stephenie Slahor)	6	1010

**Registration** for Spring I session begins on January 6<sup>th</sup> . The Spring I **Catalog** is available [here](#) (right click and open the hyperlink).

### **Congratulations Dean Leafstedt**

The University announced that Jill Leafstedt has been selected as the Dean of Extended University; she can remove Interim from her title. Dean Leafstedt has been a great supporter of OLLI and looks forward to growing the program and introducing new ideas to make OLLI even more exciting for our community of adult learners.



### **Meet Scott Jones – From Destroyer Captain to Getty Villa Docent**



Many of you know Scott from his tours of Getty Villa or his stories of Ancient Battles That Changed the World. He is eminently qualified after 33 years planning battles in the US Navy.

Scott did not envision that career. In fact, he admits to squandering his HS years in the San Francisco Bay Area and seldom showing up for class in Junior College. The Vietnam draft got his attention though, so he enlisted in the Navy.

Scott moved quickly up the enlisted ranks, married his HS sweetheart, and started a family. His first assignment was to Point Mugu! His commanding officer, however, would not sign a vacation request to see his new family until he applied for Officers Training, which eventually took them to Purdue University in Indiana– a desolate, barren place for a Bay area kid.

For someone who flunked HS math, he graduated top in his Navy class at Purdue with a Mechanical Engineering degree. As a new Ensign, he was assigned to his first Destroyer. Ask Scott sometime why, as a new Ensign, his irate Commanding Officers boisterously summoned him over the ship's PA to his quarters at 2 AM. It was not for tea!

Ultimately, Scott became the CO of three Destroyers (“the best job in the world”), then the Commadore of a squadron of six destroyers, and finally the Surface Warfare Commander overseeing all surface ships, helicopters, and submarines for a carrier battle group. He also served as the Naval Advisor to the Department of State, when the Sheikh of Oman sent his helicopter to bring Scott to his desert retreat to discuss the United Nations maritime sanctions imposed on Iraq. He finally served as the Director of Operations for the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.



After the Navy and various business and consulting positions, he retired to Newbury Park in 2015. He is an avid photographer with online photos and a travel blog about his travels. He has been a docent at the Getty Villa for six years where he leads garden, architecture, and gallery tours for visitors. Scott will be giving a 1-hr Zoom seminar on the Nubian Jewels of Ancient

Sudan on January 16 and will lead tours of the new Getty Villa exhibit on those jewels. See Upcoming Events below for more information.

### OLLI Members visit Sicily and Malta



With plane tickets, passports, and luggage in hand, twelve OLLI members embarked on a two-week October trip to Sicily and Malta. Archaeology, ancient architecture, history, magnificent works of art, dramatic landscapes and fabulous cuisine best describes their experience. The trip included extensive visits to six UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Sicily and two in Malta. Some additional highlights were wine tasting and lunch at a vineyard at the base of Mt. Etna, attending a performance at a puppet theater, olive oil tasting and lunch at an agritourism property, and high tea at Palazzo Parisio in Malta. Do you wish you were there?

### Upcoming Events

- **Nubia, Jewels of Ancient Sudan:** Scott Jones, OLLI instructor and Getty Villa docent, will give a free, one hour **Zoom** seminar on January 16, 2023, at 10 AM. The talk will focus on the new Getty Villa exhibit - Nubia, Jewels of Ancient Sudan. You can register for this seminar by right clicking to open this hyperlink [Nubia Seminar](#). A zoom link will be emailed to the registered OLLI members before the seminar date.
- **Museum of Tolerance:** A bus trip is planned for March 9, 2023, to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, where OLLI members will have an opportunity to interact with the Holocaust survivor Celina Biniaz. More details on this trip will be forthcoming.



We wish you all a safe and pleasant

