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The University of Texas at Austin



# **UT OLLI ONLINE**

## **Spring 2023 Catalog**

Thursdays  
March 30 – May 4, 2023

The University of Texas at Austin  
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Six-Weeks of Online Programming Begins:  
Thursday, March 30, 2023

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## OVERVIEW

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### Welcome to UT OLLI!

On-campus curriculum will be provided by 4 different programs on their respective day throughout the week.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SAGE	DISCOVER	NOVA	ON-LINE	FORUM

In addition to on-campus exclusive seminars and lectures for each program, this 2022-2023 program year also introduces a Thursday on-line class from each program. *Don't forget to check out the [Spring 2023 Diversity Lectures](#) bookending the session as well!* Online content can be attended by all UT OLLI members remotely. Links to online classes will be emailed to members each week and will be available on the website.

#### Online Thursdays via Zoom

9:30AM – 10:40AM	<a href="#">Texas Emerging Energy Future</a>
11:00AM – 12:10PM	<a href="#">10 Great Buildings</a>
1:00PM – 2:10PM	<a href="#">Women in Neuroscience: Discovery Through Opportunity</a>
2:40PM – 3:50PM	<a href="#">Educating the Eye (I): Dante's Divine Comedy and Our Journey to Wholeness</a>

*\*UT OLLI is conducted in Central Time*

## UT OLLI WIDE Spring 2023 — Online Classes Thursdays

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**09:30 AM - 10:40 AM Seminar**

### Texas Emerging Energy Future

The University of Texas and the Bureau of Economic Geology are leading the way in new energies, critical minerals and carbon sequestration as well as the increasingly urgent management of water in Texas. Talks in this series will address these areas as well as energy economics and natural gas.



Directors

**Mark W Shuster** - Speaker at all Events

Mark Shuster is Deputy Director of the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin, overseeing the Bureau's Energy Research Division



**Kenneth W. Wisian** - Speaker at all Events

Major General USAF (retired), is responsible for coordinating environmental related research in the Bureau of Economic Geology; Environmental Division.

#### Event(s)

<b>03/30/2023</b>	Hot! Hot! Hot! Energy from the Earth
<b>04/06/2023</b>	Blue (Flame) Is the New Green - Natural GAs in the Energy Economy
<b>04/13/2023</b>	Critical minerals under our feet?
<b>04/20/2023</b>	Dollars for Water: Energy Cost Constraints to Groundwater Recoverability
<b>04/27/2023</b>	Low Carbon Hydrogen at Scale – The new Texas Tea
<b>05/04/2023</b>	Environmental and Consumer Costs of Different Electricity-Generating Options

## 11:00 AM - 12:10 PM Seminar

### 10 Great Buildings

By looking at “great” buildings throughout history, we will learn about the principals of architecture and the importance of materials, technology and patronage. Each week we will examine one or two important buildings and the role that innovation plays in any building.

Director



#### **Nancy McAfee** - Speaker at all Events

Nancy McAfee is an art historian who spent 18 years at the Cleveland Museum of Art as an educator and community outreach director. She has an AB from Cornell and an MA in art history from Case Western Reserve University. She is active in the Rochester Women’s Giving Circle, the MAG Gallery Council.

Event(s)

<b>03/30/2023</b>	10 Great Buildings: Architectural principals and what makes a building great
<b>04/06/2023</b>	Romans and Greeks as Engineers: Parthenon, Trajan’s Column, and the Coliseum
<b>04/13/2023</b>	Places of Worship: Angkor Wat, Chartres Cathedral, and Hagia Sophia
<b>04/20/2023</b>	Renaissance Eloquence: St. Peter’s Cathedral, Palladio’s Villa Rotunda
<b>04/27/2023</b>	20th Century Technology: Eiffel Tower, Chicago Skyscrapers, Brooklyn Bridge
<b>05/04/2023</b>	(To Be Announced)

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## 01:00 PM - 02:10 PM Seminar

### Women in Neuroscience: Discovery Through Opportunity

Diversity is important in neuroscience and neurology. Barriers can be overcome with Women in Neuroscience (WiN) opportunities. Leaders, faculty and students share perspective and progress WiN has made to build a diverse community of women that can become leaders in these fields.

Director



**Emily M. Pickens** - Speaker at all Events

Emily has been WiN's inaugural Executive Director since Dec 2020. Previously she was a neurological music therapist and operations manager for Austin's Center of Music Therapy. She has expanded WiN's programs and helped WiN grow from 8 interns in 2019 to 18 in 2022.

Event(s)

<b>03/30/2023</b>	Importance of Diversity	Emily M Pickens, David Paydarfar Richard Tapia, Michela (Micky) Marinelli, Eric Heineman, Amanda Masino
<b>04/06/2023</b>	Intro to the Damaged Brain	Michael (Mike) Mauk
<b>04/13/2023</b>	Epilepsy	Emily M Pickens, MacKenzie Howard, Martha Trevino, Dave Clarke, Teresa Ontiveros, Nerisha Pillay
<b>04/20/2023</b>	Neuroimmune Disease	Emily M Pickens, Esther Melamed, Zora Cook, Ethan Meltzer, Sabeen Toranian
<b>04/27/2023</b>	Movement Disorders	Emily M Pickens, Elizabeth Peckham, Joshua Chang, Anjana Ganesh
<b>05/04/2023</b>	Overcoming Barriers	Bella Thomas, Audrey C Brumback, Laura Colgin, Marissa Marquez, Kaelin Rubenzer, Melanie Trejo Salazar, Emily M Pickens

## 02:40 PM - 03:50 PM Seminar

### **Educating the Eye (I): Dante's Divine Comedy and Our Journey to Wholeness**

Even though it was written in the 1300s, Dante's Divine Comedy remains genuinely alive and well as a potent story, one helping us live even more authentically "examined lives" within an attitude of what poet and Dante translator John Ciardi calls "serious joy."

Director



**Daniel (Dan) Christian** - Speaker at all Events

Daniel Christian has taught Dante for nearly forty years and has published a number of essays in scholarly journals.

Event(s)

<b>03/30/2023</b>	Educating the Eye (I): A Grief Observed by C.S. Lewis
<b>04/06/2023</b>	Educating the Eye (I): Dante's Divine Comedy and Our Journey to Wholeness
<b>04/13/2023</b>	Educating the Eye (I): More Key Scenes from Inferno
<b>04/20/2023</b>	Educating the Eye (I): Moving Situations from "Purgatorio"
<b>04/27/2023</b>	Educating the Eye (I): More Dramatic Scenes from "Purgatorio."
<b>05/04/2023</b>	Educating the Eye (I): A Few "Oh, My Goodness" Heavenly Encounters from "Paradiso"

## Spring 2023 Diversity Lectures

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**Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 – 9:30 AM-10:45 AM**

### **Diversity Book Discussion: Predict and Surveil**

In *Predict and Surveil*, Sarah Brayne offers an unprecedented, inside look at how police use big data and new surveillance technologies, leveraging on-the-ground fieldwork with one of the most technologically advanced law enforcement agencies in the world--the Los Angeles Police Department.



**Dr. Sarah Brayne** is an Associate Professor of Sociology at The University of Texas at Austin. She received her PhD in Sociology and Social Policy Princeton University and completed a postdoc at Microsoft Research New England. She has been a volunteer teaching college classes in classes in prisons since 2012.

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**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 9:30 AM-10:45 AM**

### **Race, Inequality, and the U.S. Overdose Crisis**

Popular stories about the U.S. overdose crisis frame it as a problem largely faced by white communities. This talk challenges these stories by revealing how today's crisis is the latest iteration of a process by which criminalizing drugs has served as a vehicle to criminalize communities of color.



**Dr. Liz Chiarello** received her Ph.D. in sociology from UC, Irvine and completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Princeton. Her research examines how efforts to curb the drug overdose crisis have blurred boundaries between healthcare and law enforcement and what this means for patient care.