

Jennifer L. Disano has been affiliated with George Mason University since 2007. She holds a Master's Degree in Psychology from Penn State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Geography from California State University, East Bay.

Jennifer currently serves as the Executive Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University (OLLI Mason), a nonprofit, membership driven organization with three regional campuses in Northern Virginia offering 600 educational courses per year to over 1200 members, serving retired individuals aged 50, or better. Jennifer is the Chief Operating Officer of the organization and is responsible for the coordination of hundreds of volunteers and a staff of 20. OLLI Mason is one of 120 Osher Institutes sponsored by the Bernard Osher Foundation serving nearly 200,000 older adults across the nation.

During her tenure at OLLI Mason, Jennifer has overseen delivery of excellence in educational programming by doubling the number of course offerings available to members; enhancing teaching and volunteering, as well as, social and leadership opportunities to the community at large. Through these efforts, she has increased collaboration across the Mason campus within every academic discipline working directly with Mason Deans and Directors to create opportunities for joint programming, innovative research, intergenerational activities, and increased scholarship in support of Mason's strategic goals to provide lifelong learning to the Mason Nation and community overall. Under her direction, OLLI Mason has become more effective in fulfilling its mission and is better prepared to face organizational growth and expanded programming in support of the coming "age wave" of retirees in Northern Virginia.

At George Mason University, Jennifer serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Fall for the Book Festival, Vice Chairman of the Advisory Board of University Libraries, and as a member of the Advisory Board of the Office of Military Services. In addition, Jennifer serves on many local community boards including the Fairfax Library Foundation. Since 2014, Jennifer has served as an appointee of the Chairman of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors as a member of the Long Term Care Coordinating Council of Fairfax County, and in 2018, as an appointee of the Governor of Virginia to serve on the Commonwealth Council on Aging. Jennifer is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA), the American Society on Aging (ASA), and the American Association of University Women (AAUW). On behalf of AAUW, she regularly hosts the television show "On the go with AAUW" via Fairfax Public Access.

Prior to taking on the Directorship at OLLI Mason, Jennifer worked as a Program Manager in support of sponsored research at the George Mason University Center for Excellence in Command, Control, Communications, Computing, and Intelligence (C4I Center) within the Volgenau School of Engineering at George Mason University. At the C4I Center, Jennifer supported extensive domestic and international collaborations on military research for, at the time, the largest funded research project at the Volgenau School of Engineering; accounting for budgets of up to 12 Million dollars and responsible for report deliverables across 8 separate contracts.

Previous to 2000, Jennifer worked as a Scientist at GEO-Centers, Inc., analyzing technology requirements for corrosion control implications at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), in support of the US Navy's initiative to reduce CFC emissions from ozone depleting paint to eco-friendly alternative materials. In this position, she was privileged to contribute to the World Climate Change Conference in Montreal, Canada in 1996. Finally, Jennifer worked closely with naval officers and staff as a civilian administrator for Commander Naval Air Force Pacific (COMNAVAIRPAC) in support of aircraft maintenance operations for the US Navy.