

# Lisa Vollendorf,

## Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

### **Full Bio:**

Dr. Lisa Vollendorf is Provost, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer at Sonoma State University. A passionate educator who believes in the value of education as a public good, Dr. Vollendorf is proud to provide academic leadership to a university that serves nearly 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Provost Vollendorf is a strong proponent of collaboration, interdisciplinarity, and innovative teaching and learning. She works closely with her leadership team to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality educational experience at SSU. A champion of student, faculty, and staff success, she has more than 22 years of experience in public higher education.

Before coming to Sonoma State in July 2017, Dr. Vollendorf was Dean of Humanities and the Arts at San José State University (2012-2017). Previously, she was a professor of Spanish at California State University, Long Beach (2005-12), where she chaired the Academic Senate and also the Department of Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literatures. She also worked at Wayne State University in Detroit (1997-2005) and at Miami University of Ohio (1995-97). Dr. Vollendorf earned her Ph.D. in Romance Languages at the University of Pennsylvania (1995) and a B.A. in English and Spanish at Colorado State University (1990).

Her research centers on women's cultural history in Iberia and Latin America, with a focus on the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. An established scholar with grants from such institutions as the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Mellon Foundation, the Newberry Library, the Huntington Library, and the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, she has published two monographs, six edited books, and 35 chapters and articles.

Dr. Vollendorf loves attending student performances, exhibits, concerts, and other events, and always is seeking new ways to learn about students' experiences at SSU. She enjoys public speaking and has delivered more than 130 conference presentations and lectures. Her work in academic leadership development includes the creation of a Deans' Leadership Academy at San José State, participation in the American Leadership Forum's Class XXXVI, and speaking at the Modern Language Association's department chair training seminars. You can follow her on Twitter ([@lisavol](https://twitter.com/lisavol)).