

SCHEDULED EVENTS

All activities meet at the Adams Alumni Center unless otherwise noted.

Special Cinematic Events

Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu).

In anticipation of KU professor Kevin Willmott's talk on "The History and Politics Behind My Films" for the Endacott Society in December, there will be special screenings of two of Willmott's movies.

December 4—1:30 in the Summerfield Room. *Jayhawkers* (2014) is about Wilt Chamberlain and "Phog" Allen in segregated Lawrence in the 1950s. (1 hour 46 minutes.) Popcorn and light refreshments at 1:15, film at 1:30.

December 7—1:30 in the Summerfield Room. *The Only Good Indian* (2009) is about a Native-American boy struggling to survive at Haskell boarding school in Lawrence in the early 1900s. (In English, with Kickapoo & Cherokee subtitles. 1 hour 54 minutes.) Blue corn chips and light refreshments at 1:15, film at 1:30.

Afternoon Lecture and Birthday Celebration

Birthday preparations: Sharon Brown. Lecture programs: Mary Jane Dunlap (mjdunlap@ku.edu) and Karen Heintzen (heintzen@ku.edu).

December 14—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following a celebration of December birthdays, Ron Borchardt, pharmaceutical chemist and distinguished professor emeritus in the School of Pharmacy, will tell us about how changes in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry 21 years ago inspired him to propose the Globalization Pharmaceutics Education Network (GPEN), an international organization to benefit doctoral and post-doctoral students.

Card and Game Theory

Edna Galle (galle@ku.edu)

December 21—1:00 in the Library. The sign-up sheet for bridge and scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

Cinema Studies

Domestic Films: Fred Madaus (fmadaus@ku.edu), Audrey Kamb-Studdard (audkamb@ku.edu), and Bruce Linton (balinton@ku.edu). Foreign Films: Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu)

December 12—Film at 1:30, coffee at 1:15 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The domestic film of the month will be the 1985 drama/romance, *Out of Africa*, starring Robert Redford and Meryl Streep. In this picture set in 20th century Kenya, a Danish baroness plantation owner has a passionate love affair with a free-spirited big-game hunter. This affair and her marriage of convenience produce some interesting situations. This film was nominated for 11 academy awards and won 7 Oscars. Running time is 161 minutes. Please join us for coffee and a movie.

December 19—1:30 in the Summerfield Room. Based on the delicious short story by Isak Dinesen, *Babette's Feast* is the penultimate paean to haute cuisine. After years of cooking simple peasant fare for two elderly sisters living in a remote 19th-century Danish village, the mysterious Babette, a refugee from Paris, suddenly wins the lottery, and decides to splurge by cooking a sinfully sumptuous French meal for the two spinsters and their austere friends. Winner of the 1988 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. (In French, with English subtitles, 102 minutes.)

French pastries and light refreshments at 1:15, video at 1:30. After the program, a \$50 gift certificate for 715 Restaurant in downtown Lawrence will be raffled to a lucky winner.

Computer Study

Alan Swarts (aswarts25@gmail.com)

Listed below are the topics for December. All sessions are at 9:00.

December 6—"Google Applications" (Alan Swarts).

December 13—"KU Library"

December 20—"Dr. Fixit"

Domestic and Foreign Affairs Forum

Felix Moos (felix@sunflower.com) and Tom Huber (lexington1.com)

December 11—2:00 in the Summerfield Room. The speaker will be Kevin Willmott, acclaimed movie director at our own KU! Kevin will speak to us on the role of history and political values in his cinematic art. Kevin has directed a number of prominent films including *Confederate States of America* and *Jayhawks*. (Two of his works will be shown by Paul Lim on December 4 and 7 by way of introduction and appreciation). Kevin should have many fascinating insights for us into his films and into today's world.

Drama Study

Bob Procter (rprocter@netscape.com)

December 5, 18—1:30 in the Music Room. The group will continue reading Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus*. Copies are available.

Gardening

Cal and Jo Cink (CalvinCink@fac.bakeru.edu) and Dick Schiefelbusch

December 6, 13, 20—9:00 in the Music Room. Conversation and readings, mostly about gardening, sometimes just about nature.

Great Books Study

Lucy J. Price (lucyjprice@outlook.com) and Ellen Reid Gold

December 13—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. Great Books will discuss the short novella, *Babette's Feast* by Isak Dinesen. The story is published in the anthology of Dinesen stories entitled *Anecdotes of Destiny and Ehrengard* (First Vintage International Edition, 1993). *Babette's Feast* can also be found on-line at "http://www.sfa-aurvillar.com/GOUT/2012_03_vienne_autriche/documents/le-diner-de-babette_ENGLISH.pdf."

The discussion will be led by Don Chambers.

Music Appreciation

Thelma Taylor (taylor@searoads.com), and Susan Levine (susanlevine785@gmail.com)

The following will be shown in 20-25 minute video clips, in the Music Room, immediately following the Wednesday Coffee.

December 6—Happy holidays with Andrea Bocelli, Natalie Cole & Reba McEntire in Los Angeles, 2009.

December 13—Holiday cheer with Kathleen Battle, Frederica von Stade & Wynton Marsalis at Carnegie Hall, 1992.

December 20—Television special for the holidays with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby on ABC, 20 December 1957.

Opera Study

Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu), and Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu)

December 15—1:30 In the Summerfield Room. In Laurent Pelly's delightfully topical 2008 Glyndebourne production of Engelbert Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*, the children and their parents are among the homeless who live in cardboard boxes, going to bed hungry each night, dreaming of mountains of sugary junk food available only in grocery stores. What happens next will make you laugh, then fill you with dread, as the children become prisoners of the voracious witch (played in full drag), who turns all her unsuspecting visitors into baked goods! (Sung in German, with English subtitles, 108 minutes.)

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Singing for Fun

Bruce Douglas (bruce_douglas@me.com) and Linda Mannering (lmanneringne@yahoo.com)

December 8—10:30 am in the Music Room, in the Music Room. Co-chairs Linda Mannering and Bruce Douglas take turns on the piano on alternating months to stretch our vocal chords. This month, Bruce is planning a full program of joyous melodies to usher in the holiday season.

Ten O'clock Scholars (Wednesday Coffee)

Pat Kelly (patckelly@sbcglobal.net)

December 6, 13, 20—10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements.

Endacott Society Membership List and Online Services:

Copies of the Endacott Society membership list may be obtained from Laurie Doud at the KU Alumni Association (ask at the desk when in the Alumni Center). For the *Endacott Society Newsletter* online: Check the web: www.kuonlinedirectory.org/endacott/ and select the link to *Newsletter* or *Calendar*.

Dues

To be a member of the Endacott Society, whether or not one is an alumnus, you should be, or sign up as, a member of the KU Alumni Association, designating a desire for Endacott Society membership. (Call 785 864-4760, asking for “records,” or log in online at www.kualumni.org/join and click “Retired Faculty and Staff.”) Annual membership dues in KUAA are: single \$25, joint \$30, and will be subsequently billed on the anniversary of your membership.

Another option is annual Jayhawk Society membership—single \$100, joint \$150, to be paid directly to the KU Alumni Association. Any dues above the annual \$25 or \$30 will be applied by KUAA to support Endacott Society programs.

Contributions or memorial gifts in honor of current or deceased persons should be paid directly to the Endacott Society in care of the Adams Alumni Center. These funds will be deposited in the Expressions of Appreciation Fund and can, if so designated, be used to support the Endacott Society’s various activities throughout the year.

Newsletter Copy

Copy for the **January 2018 Newsletter** should be in the hands of the editor, Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu), on Sunday, **December 10**.