



Endacott Society

Retired Faculty and Staff endacottsociety.org February 2020



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

Featured News

Leap Year—Everyone knows that leap years occur in years divisible by 4 (in our Gregorian calendar), but you may not know that century years (1900, 2000 etc.) are not leap years unless they are evenly divisible by 400. So this is just an early warning to you that 2100 will not be a leap year. Adjust your appointment book accordingly.

Teaser—I will have some news before long about a special project that the Endacott Society will participate in this year. I believe it is unique in the Society’s history, and it should be both interesting and fun.



Our New KUAA Contact—Riley Gates is currently performing the Endacott liaison duties formerly done by Laurie Doud. Riley’s contact info is regates@kualumni.org, 785-864-1724.

Lunch with Laurie—On Wednesday, January 15, about 40 members attended a special “**Lunch Bunch**” at the Free State Brewery. What was special was that it honored Laurie Doud, who has retired from the Alumni Association, and is now an Endacott Society member. The Brewery accommodated our group on short notice, and the food was great as usual. A good time was had by all (at least everyone seemed happy). Laurie was presented a bouquet of flowers from the Society.



Cinema Studies

• Documentary Film

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Friday Feb 7–1:30

It’s Black History Month, and we are showing a documentary revealing the vicious rivalry between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier in *Thrilla in Manila*, which unfolded in the searing heat of the Philippines in 1975, now considered “the greatest fight of all time.” Ang Lee is currently filming a new feature film based on the fight, with actors portraying Ali and Frazier, but why wait when you can see the real thing as it happened? 2008, 85 minutes. Philippine pastries at 1:15, electrifying archival footage at 1:30. After the program, DVDs of *When We Were Kings*, the earlier 1974 documentary of the heavyweight championship in Zaire between George Foreman and Muhammad Ali, sometimes called *The Rumble in the Jungle*, will be given free to boxing aficionados.



• Foreign Film

Rich Ring, richring@ku.edu

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Tuesday Feb 25–1:30

Thanks to Martin Scorsese, who has been a longtime champion of Filipino filmmaker Lino Brocka, Criterion has now released a pristine Blu-ray edition of Brocka’s 1975 masterpiece, *Manila in the Claws of Light*, which follows a provincial young man as he searches for his girlfriend, who has been lured to the Big City as a domestic helper but who seems to have ended up entrapped as a sex slave in Manila’s seamy Chinatown. “To watch *Manila in the Claws of Light*,” wrote one critic, “is to be burned by a flame that never goes out.” *In Tagalog with English subtitles*, 126 minutes. Philippine pastries and light refreshments at 1:15, unflinching neorealism at 1:30.

Scheduled Events

• Domestic Film

Fred Madaus, fmadaus@ku.edu

Tuesday Feb 11–1:30

Also in honor of Black History Month, we will view the Oscar-winning drama *Moonlight*. This follows a young African-American man grappling with his identity while experiencing the everyday struggles of childhood, adolescence and oncoming adulthood. It stars Mahershala Ali and Naomie Harris. *Moonlight* won 3 Oscars, was nominated for 6 more. It has also won hundreds of other awards and nominations. *2016, 111 minutes*. Coffee and cookies at 1:15.

Computer and Technology Studies

Alan Swarts, aswarts25@gmail.com

Wednesdays–9:00

Feb 05–Email to the Cloud and KU IT Infrastructure–

Alex Wong

Feb 12–Update on Self-driving Cars–Dave Mannering

Feb 19–TBA–Check Website

Feb 26–Streaming Services–John Nicholson

Drama Study

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Betty Baron, baronbetty@yahoo.com

Tuesdays Feb 4, 18–1:30

Friday Feb 21–7:30 pm

Feb 04–Start reading *Indecent* by Paula Vogel, American, 2016.

Feb 18–Finish *Indecent* and discuss.

Feb 21–See *As You Like It* production, Crafton Preyer Theatre, KU; 7:30 pm.

Endacott Afternoon Speaker Series

• Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr, rwwschorr@gmail.com

No Armchair Travel in February and March.

Future Event–Save the date! Thursday Apr 9–The Altai Republic in Siberia.

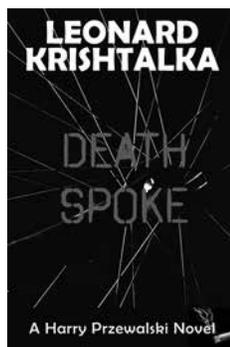
• Arts & Sciences Lecture

Mary Jane Dunlap, mjdunlap@ku.edu

Karen Heintzen, heintzen@ku.edu

Thursday Feb 13–1:30

Leonard “Kris” Krishtalka, Director of KU’s Natural History Museum, and novelist, will talk about his new mystery, *Death Spoke*, as well as provide an update on replacing the museum’s iconic grotesques. His latest novel is the second featuring Private Investigator Harry Przewalski. It involves the murder of a fictional KU dean, who was renowned as an archaeologist and expert on prehistoric cave paintings in France. The prime suspect, her lover, chairs the anthropology department, and hires Harry



Przewalski to prove his innocence. Przewalski learns that the dean not only had a double life, but also that her murder was a diabolical act of revenge for a horrific atrocity committed during WWII in Nazi-occupied France. A Kirkus review of *Death Spoke* states: “The author provides the best this genre has to offer: a riveting exploration of a crime, blended with a deeply stirring examination of human nature.



A cinematically immersive murder mystery deftly combined with an intellectual drama.” Read the entire summary and review at <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/leonard-krishtalka/death-spoke>. The Kansas Union Bookstore will have a sales table for his books at the lecture.

Future Events–Save the dates! Thursday Apr 30–Immigration in Kansas; Thursday May 14–Biography of Kansas naturalist and pioneering museum specialist, Charles Bunker.

• Public Affairs Forum

Tom Huber, lexington1@gmail.com

No Public Affairs program in February.

Future Event–Save the date! Thursday Mar 12.

Evening Program and Potluck Dinner

Linda Mullens, lmullens@ku.edu

No program in February.

Future Events–Save the dates! Thursdays Mar 26, and May 21.

Games Theory

Esther Smith, esther@ku.edu

Thursday Feb 20–1:00

Bridge, Scrabble, mahjong, chess, dominoes and Chinese checkers. All sets are provided. Sign up for games at Wednesday Coffee; or just show up and PLAY!

Garden Seminar

Cal and Jo Cink, CalvinCink@fac.bakeru.edu

Dick Schiefelbusch, rschief@ku.edu

Wednesdays Feb 5, 12, 19, 26–9:00

Roundtable discussion of flora and fauna, with frequent video material.

Great Books Study

Rich Ring, richring@ku.edu

Ellen Reid Gold, e834@ku.edu

Wednesday Feb 12–1:30

The Great Books Group will discuss Henry James’ short story, *The Beast in the Jungle*. The text is available online at several sites, including Project Gutenberg. For more information, contact Rich Ring.

Lunch Bunch

Alan Swarts, aswarts25@gmail.com

Ron Schorr, rwwschorr@gmail.com

Wednesdays Feb 5, 12, 19, 26—about 11:30

Following our Coffee, Endacott members can meet for lunch at a Lawrence dining spot announced each week.

Movement Workshop

• Mid-Morning Meditation—New!

Judy Roitman, jroitman@ku.edu

Stan Lombardo, lombardo@ku.edu

Fridays Feb 7, 21—10:30

Learn basic meditation techniques, and share relaxing silence with others. After Tai Chi on 1st and 3rd Fridays.



Stan Lombardo and Judy Roitman show how “Silence is Golden” at Mid-Morning Meditation.

• Piccolo Bocce

Dave Mannering, dmannering@yahoo.com

No **Piccolo Bocce** sessions in February.

• Tai Chi for Beginners—Now Weekly!

Haskell Springer, springer@ku.edu

David Hann, akansaswriter@yahoo.com

Fridays Feb 7, 14, 21, 28—9:00

Tai Chi teaches better balance control. Wear loose clothing and soft shoes. All are welcome.

Music Appreciation

Susan Levine, susanlevine785@gmail.com

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Friday Feb 28—10:30

David Alden’s stunning film version of Franz Schubert’s *Winterreise* (Winter Journey) features tenor Ian Bostridge and pianist Julius Drake in the lugubrious song cycle about a young man who is convinced he is unlucky in love, that is a setting of poems of Wilhelm Müller. 1994, 75 minutes. Chocolate Kisses and light refreshments at 10:15, unrequited love at 10:30. After the program, since 2020 is a Leap Year and Gioachino Rossini is the only composer of note born on February 29, we will raffle off three brand-new CDs of *Rossini Overtures*, with Claudio Abbado conducting The Chamber Orchestra of Europe.



Old-Time Radio

John Nicholson, wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday Feb 24—1:30

Join us as the Old Time Radio Listening Group explores Science Fiction. We will listen to *X Minus One*, *Buck Rogers*, and other shows depicting the future from the point of view of the Forties and Fifties. We meet from 1:30 to 3:30, and light refreshments are provided. No reservations are required. Drop by and visit with us for a while, share your memories, and perhaps revisit some of your past.

Opera Study

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Victor Wallace, wallace@ku.edu

Ted Johnson, jtj@ku.edu

Friday Feb 21—1:30

In anticipation of KU’s much-beloved Joyce Castle singing the enigmatic role of the Countess in Tchaikovsky’s *Pique Dame: The Queen of Spades* at the Des Moines Metro Opera this summer, we are showing the 2011 Barcelona production of the opera. It features Misha Didyk as the Gambler, Emily Magee as the woman who loves him, Ludovic Tezier as his rival, and Ewa Podles as the Countess who mocks him. *Russian, English subtitles, 3 hours*. Russian candies and light refreshments at 1:15, high rollers at 1:30. After the program, three sets of Russian nesting dolls will be raffled off to lucky winners.



Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum, judyniebaum@gmail.com

David Marden, mardendl@gmail.com

No program in February.

Singing for Fun

Linda Mannering, lmanneringne@yahoo.com

Jim Woelfel, jameswoelfel@yahoo.com

Friday Feb 14—10:30

We have an enjoyable February Singing for Fun program. KU music students Kim and Edward Poston will lead the singing. Kim is a voice student with Joyce Castle, and Edward is a student in organ and church music with James Higdon. These versatile and talented young performers are enthusiastic and fun. Gourmet dipped strawberries and other Valentine’s Day treats will be served.

Ten O’Clock Scholars, AKA Wednesday Coffee

Susan Levine, susanlevine785@gmail.com

MaryKay Mahoney, mahoneym@merrimack.edu

Birthdays: Sharon Brown

Wednesdays Feb 5, 12, 19, 26—10:00

Conversation with coffee, tea, cookies, other treats, announcements and possible special guests or programs. February Birthdays will be celebrated on the third Wednesday, February 19.



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Copy for the **March 2020 Newsletter** should be sent by or before **Thursday, February 13, 2020**, to Endacott@jrnvr.com.

Endacott Society Membership List and Online Services

Copies of the Endacott Society membership list may be obtained at the Wednesday Coffees. Members may subscribe to the Endacott e-mail list by sending a request to Endacott@gmail.com. For the Endacott Society Newsletter online, check the website endacottsociety.org and select the link to Newsletter or Calendar.

Dues

To be a member of the Endacott Society, one must have retired from KU or any accredited institution of higher learning. Sign up and remit dues 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.") Retirees who want to join Endacott Society can do so at the cost of \$30. Spouses or partners can be added at no additional cost.

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.