



Endacott Society

Retired Faculty and Staff endacottsociety.o July/August 2021



PRESIDENT’S NOTE

Hope! Hope is my motto as summer kicks off officially, and we move into a new academic year at Endacott. Hope has been our closest and constant companion since Covid-19 invaded our realities at the end of 2019. We scrupulously followed all the safety precautions and hoped that we would survive the pandemic along with our friends and loved ones. We hoped that all the front liners who kept our essential services functioning would also stay safe. We held steadfast to hope that an effective vaccine would be developed quickly even as the numbers of casualties mounted daily. We were elated when three vaccines emerged and hoped that everyone eligible would be vaccinated. Even as the number of those getting the vaccine drops, we still hold our breath hoping to develop herd immunity, so the world gets quickly restored to normal – a “normalcy” reshaped, repackaged, and redefined by the pandemic.

How is normalcy shaping up for us, here at the Endacott Society with the Covid-19 in recession, and vaccines available? After 15 months (and counting) of keeping in touch, and continuing several of our activities via ZOOM, what are our hopes moving forward and beyond the pandemic? It seems clear, based on discussions at our weekly Wednesday Coffees, that we miss our pre-Covid -19 person-to-person connections and interactions without masks. We yearn again for those precious connections, but we cannot deny that meeting on ZOOM has its advantages, especially for members with mobility challenges. Efforts will be made to explore the possibility of hybrid meetings in-person and on ZOOM.

In-person Coffee Hour to begin Aug. 4 at Dillons, 6th & Wakarusa

In August, we are planning the small step of meeting for Wednesday Coffee at the Dillons on 6th and Wakarusa, for those comfortable in doing so. For July, we will continue to meet with ZOOM for Wednesday Coffees. KU has announced in-person classes starting Fall of 2021; this *could be* a target date for our meeting in person at the Union. (Fall term classes begin Monday, Aug. 23.)

As we all know, the Alumni Association has embarked on a massive project to build a new, “state-of-the-art Jayhawk Student Welcome Center.” At the same time, the Adams Alumni Center, our usual meeting space, will undergo a complete renovation. We do hope all the efforts invested pay off and the work proceeds according to plan. Many thanks to Jo Cink, our past president, for securing space at the Student Union where we can meet pending the completion of the renovation. As soon as we feel comfortable to start meeting in person again, we can begin reclaiming our normalcy while continuing to observe good safety precautions.

Heath Peterson, president of the Alumni Association, reports that they are making progress on fund raising for the remodel of the Alumni Center

and still pursuing several significant gifts. He will have more to share with us later this summer.

Finally, my big hope is that our sojourn at the Union will be for a short time, and we will be back at our own space at the Alumni Center sooner than later. It will facilitate the possibility of having hybrid (physically present-ZOOM) meetings for our events. I have no doubt that we want to keep alive, and strong, the tradition of the Endacott Society, not only as a rich reservoir of knowledge, wisdom, and scholarship, but also its spirit of adventures in travels, current affairs, and new forms of knowledge. These are values we all hope will be invested in the new generation of Jayhawks.

For A Good Year at the Endacott Society!
Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, President
June 2021

JULY & AUGUST Events

There are a variety of interesting films, discussions and topics scheduled for your enjoyment in your **ZOOM Guides for July and for August**. The guides provide links to meetings of interest groups. If you need a ZOOM guide, email Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com. Some additional details July and August events are provided here.

Afternoon Lecture Series t

tArts & Sciences

Aug. 12, 1:30 p.m. ZOOM

Kevin Boatright kjboatr@aol.com

Darin Beck, executive director of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, located in Yoder, will talk about how the number of deaths of people of color during arrests and recent mass shootings are changing police training. And, he will discuss new plans for the KLETC, a KU Lifelong and Professional Education unit.

tArmchair Travel

No programs scheduled for July and August.

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

PARKING options for Endacott events in Kansas Union

During our June 16 Wednesday Coffee, Margretta deVries from KU Transportation Services explained our parking options while we meet at the Union.

Our most attractive discounted retirees' options appear to be either the daily parking permits (\$1/day - for those who only plan to attend events once a week or less or are not sure when or how often you will attend in person), or the annual retiree parking permit (\$110---for those who attend events at least twice a week year-round). Margretta received a copy of the most recent Endacott membership list to determine who is eligible for permits. A copy of the specifics of permits was sent to all members via our Endacott list serve. If you have questions, you may contact Margretta at mdevries@ku.edu.

Annual Retiree parking permit - \$110

Allows parking in any parking lot or parking garage, excluding handicap spaces (unless you register your handicap placard with Transportation Services) year-round.

Daily parking permits - \$1/day.

Daily parking permits can be purchased in several ways. (See emailed information sheet for retirees.)

Annual Retiree PARK & RIDE parking permit – Free.

Allows parking at Park & Ride (lot 301) near 23rd & Iowa, with bus service that goes to Bailey Hall (not the Union).

tPublic Affairs

No programs scheduled for July and August.

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Cinema Studies, Music Appreciation and Opera Study

Check with Paul Lim plim@ku.edu for ZOOM schedule of these events.

In July, there will be special programs to celebrate the Koreans, the French, the international athletes who participated in the 1936 Olympics and, of course, those Damn Yankees! We will also pay tribute to Ernest Hemingway, Eric Satie, and George Gershwin, who all died in July.

In August, because it's the height of summer, we are presenting films centered around swimming pools, or at least near and around water, featuring artists as diverse as Georges Bizet, Diana Damrau, Alain Delon, Bob Dylan, David Hockney, Burt Lancaster, and Pete Seeger.

On Saturday, **Aug. 25**, Paul plans to celebrate **National Senior Citizens Day** on ZOOM by showing a French comedy at **1:30 p.m.** and raffling some gift vouchers.

Computer & Technology Studies

No programs scheduled for July or August.
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Drama Study

July 6, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. ZOOM
July 20, Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. ZOOM

No programs scheduled for August.
Mike Shaw michaelhearnshaw@gmail.com

In July, the Drama Group will read and discuss Yasmina Reza's comic play of ideas, "Art," a Tony award winner in 1998. Two friends, one a modernist and the other a traditionalist, argue over a modernist painting that is almost a pure white canvas, with diagonal lines in off white. Their argument becomes so heated it appears that the friendship is over, but a third friend finds a way out that involves a Sharpie that is not what it seems to be. We will finalize our plan for the following year in our second meeting. We are giving August a bye.

Games Theory

July scribbler games

July 12, Monday, 10 a.m. ZOOM

July 26, Monday, 10 a.m. ZOOM

No programs scheduled in August.

Garden Seminar

July 7, Wednesday 8:30 a.m. ZOOM

July 14, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. ZOOM

July 21, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. ZOOM

July 28, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. ZOOM

No programs scheduled in August.

Cal and Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com



Gardening note

We had some nice rains over the last weekend in June and they sustained the growth of lilies in the Cink flower beds.

Happy Birthday



to

Endacott Society members who celebrate birthdays during July and August. Congratulations to those of you celebrating anniversaries during these months.

Great Books Discussion

July 14, Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. ZOOM

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Since July 14 is Bastille Day, we'll be discussing three short stories by a notable French author, Albert Camus: "The Adulterous Woman," "The Silent Men," and "The Guest." Camus was a French Algerian during the long period in which Algeria was a French colony. Each of the stories takes place in Algeria and touches on the relations, and tensions, between French and Arab Algerians. The stories are available in online English-language versions.

Aug. 11, Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. ZOOM

Ray Souza has kindly offered to lead us in a discussion of three Latin American short stories: Maria Luisa Bombal's "The Tree," Jorge Luis Borges's "Emma Zunz," and Calvert Casey's "The Walk." All are available online in English translations.

Lunch Bunch

Always at noon. Meeting places are announced by email each week by Ron Schorr.

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July 1, Thursday

July 8, Thursday

July 15, Thursday

July 22, Thursday

July 29, Thursday

August plans to be announced later.

Old Time Radio

July 26, Monday, 1:30 p.m. ZOOM

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

We will listen to *The Adventures of Archie Andrews* and an episode of *Mr. Keene, Tracer of Lost Persons*. There will be a few short programs and a film showing radio sound effects.

Aug. 30, Monday, 1:30 p.m. ZOOM

Programs are in the works. *To be announced.*

Wednesday Coffee (10 o'clock scholars)

JULY Coffee Hour all ZOOM sessions

July 7, 10 a.m.

July 14, 10 a.m.

July 21, 10 a.m.

July 28, 10 a.m.

AUGUST Coffee Hour meet In Person

at Dillons 6th and Wakarusa

Aug. 4, 10 a.m.

Aug. 11, 10 a.m.

Aug 18, 10 a.m.

Aug. 25, 10 a.m.

Clearing the way for construction

Work to begin construction is underway for the new Jayhawk Welcome Center, scheduled to open in Fall 2022. Funded entirely through private gifts, the \$21 million, 30,000-square-foot structure will connect to the Adams Alumni Center, headquarters of the KU Alumni Association, at 1266 Oread Ave. As the new starting point for all campus visits by prospective students and their families, the Jayhawk Welcome Center will house approximately 20 members of the KU Admissions staff. The project also includes a separate, privately funded \$8 million renovation of the Adams Center, which opened in 1983. Fundraising for the Alumni Center renovation is ongoing. A timeline for the reopening of the Adams Alumni Center will be determined later this year and will be determined by the success and pace of identifying support.

On June 22, peeking through the construction barriers, showed concrete removal from the parking lot and removal of the first-floor balcony from the Alumni Center.

Top right: West end of Alumni Center lot shows concrete removed and a pile of rebar next to the workers.

Center: East end of lot with concrete, soil and balcony removed. Note the plywood covering.

Lower right: Far East end of lot (toward Louisiana St.) with concrete removed.

Photographs by Mary Jane Dunlap



The Alumni Association posts updates on the project online at <https://kualumni.org/adams-alumni-ku-welcome-center/jayhawk-welcome-center/jayhawk-welcome-center-stories/>

Celebration of Life

Joe Spradlin (1930-2020) and Dick Schiefelbusch (1918-2020) were long-time friends and professional colleagues at KU – and members of Endacott.

Their families have planned services for the same July 2021 weekend to make it easier for out-of-town family and guests to attend. In announcing the back-to-back Celebrations of Life, the families added that the closely scheduled memorials would “make the guys happy.”

The service for Richard “Dick” Schiefelbusch will be Saturday, July 24, at Plymouth Congregational Church, 925 Vermont St., 11 a.m. followed by lunch at the church. His family noted: “Dad will be dancing in his usual seat at the church.”

Services for Joseph “Joe” Spradlin are private.

Here are a couple of links with details about their lives. <https://lifespan.ku.edu/joe-spradlin>

<https://www2.ljworld.com/news/general-news/2020/apr/02/for-hospice-patient-goodbyes-are-separated-by-phone-screens-and-sliding-doors/>

<https://today.ku.edu/2020/09/25/ku-scientist-richard-schiefelbusch-leaves-legacy-disability-research>

<http://history.lplks.org/items/show/1807>

Newsletter Copy

Copy for **September 2021 Newsletter** should be sent by or before **Friday, Aug. 20**, to mjdunlap@ku.edu

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Members may subscribe to the Endacott e-mail list by sending a request to endacottsociety@gmail.com

DUES & GIFTS

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, scroll down to see “Membership Options for Every Jayhawk, click on “Endacott Society,” and select an option.) Dues for retirees are \$30 a year. 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, 1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence KS 66045-3169. 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.