



Endacott Society

Retired Faculty and Staff endacottsociety.org September 2021



PRESIDENT’S NOTES

Keeping calm and carrying on amid Covid and construction disruptions

Welcome to the 2021-22 academic year, esteemed Endacotts!

We had thought it would happen. We were fully vaccinated and all set to welcome the new academic year by meeting in person, and on campus, after 15 months of connecting only virtually in Zoom meetings. The date was set, and we were happy to have secured a new meeting place — the Kansas Union— while our regular space, the Adams Alumni Center, was getting a facelift. However, the Delta variant of Covid-19 decided otherwise. Unquestionably, we were all disappointed, but we decided to trust the science and choose safety for ourselves and our loved ones. I think we deserve to congratulate ourselves for this.

The good news is that a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines has been recommended; it will be available Sept. 20. Booster shots for the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine are yet to be determined.

Thankfully, because of the vaccines and all those playing their parts, total shutdowns like we had last year are practically ruled out.

So let us continue to observe all Covid-19 safety protocols, talk to our doctors, and follow CDC guidelines. We live to fight another day; this too shall pass! For more local information, check the Lawrence Memorial Hospital link: <https://www.lmh.org> and Protect KU: <https://protect.ku.edu>

As for the renovations at the Adams Alumni Center, I went by to check them out. Indeed, the former parking lot is abuzz with activity: Construction workers and trucks are rolling in, dumping gravel, sand and other supplies. (photos, Page 7). The Welcome Center is really happening!

I have invited Heath Peterson, Alumni Association president, to talk with us at the Wednesday Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. Oct. 20. He will provide updates on Phases I (Welcome Center) & II (Alumni Center). Some good tidings in October, oh yeah!

Cheers! —Folabo Ajayi-Soyinka, president

Weekly outdoor Tai Chi sessions to resume Friday, Sept. 3

Beginning Sept. 3, weather permitting, Haskell Springer plans to resume leading outdoor Tai Chi sessions at 9 a.m. Fridays in South Park, east of the gazebo.

Haskell has been recovering from knee and shoulder surgeries and is hopeful he can

continue to offer this beneficial exercise to those who want it and who are fully vaccinated.

“I plan to start all over again, reviewing and practicing what we learned before Covid canceled us, so those brand-new to Tai Chi are welcome to join the group,” he said.

Poland honors KU retiree with WWII award in 2021

Endacott members retired from KU's political science department or from the Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies may have seen that their former colleague Jaroslaw (Andrzej) Piekalkiewicz received Poland's Krzyz Walecznych (Cross of Valor) in a special ceremony on his 95th birthday in July.

On July 24, a delegate from the Polish Consulate in Houston traveled to Lawrence to present the medal to Piekalkiewicz for his bravery during World War II.

Piekalkiewicz was age 13 when WWII broke out. After experiencing Nazi occupation in Poland, he became a resistance fighter at age 15. He was 18 when he fought the Nazis for 63 days during the Warsaw Uprising in 1944. He was repeatedly captured by the Nazis, escaping three times as a POW and later joining the Polish II Corps that was formed under the auspices of the British Army.

For his bravery, he was promoted to the rank of platoon sergeant and awarded the Krzyz Walecznych.



The Polish government-in-exile in London received notice of the award, but in the chaos of combat, the medal was not presented to him. After the war, Poland's Communist government refused to decorate many of the Polish insurgents like him.

He joined KU's faculty in 1963, retiring in 2000.

This spring, Piekalkiewicz gave a virtual talk about his most recent book, *Dance With Death: A Holistic View of Saving Polish Jews During the Holocaust* (2019). The talk is available on the KU CREES YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZF8dZu1pb8&t=1s>

CAMPUS UPDATES Masks and Vaccinations

As of Aug. 9, 2021, KU is requiring masks be worn at all times — including by those who are fully vaccinated — in indoor public spaces on the Lawrence and Edwards campuses and is recommending masks in crowded outdoor spaces. Masks also are required on public transportation and in healthcare facilities. See Protect KU: <https://protect.ku.edu>

In an Aug. 20 email to all faculty and staff, Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU provost and executive vice chancellor, noted:

- 70 percent of the student housing population is fully vaccinated
- 85 percent of scholarship hall residents are vaccinated
- Good estimates are that faculty and staff are more than 75 percent vaccinated.
- Students are literally lining up for vaccine clinics at Watkins Health Services, and many more students have scheduled vaccinations.

ACADEMIC DATES 2021-22

Fall

Aug. 23 Fall term classes begin
Sept. 6 Labor Day no classes
Oct. 9-12 Fall break
Oct. 13-16 Homecoming week
Nov. 24 -28 Thanksgiving break
Dec. 9 Last day of classes

Spring

Jan. 18 Spring term classes begin
March 14-20 Spring break
May 5 Last day of classes
May 15 Commencement

2021 Annual Report revised, Treasurer's report added

A revised 2021 Annual Report has been posted on the website, to which the Treasurer's Report has been added. <http://endacottsociety.org/annual-report/>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

NOTE: To receive **Zoom links and passwords**, email Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka omofola@ku.edu; for programs administered by Paul Lim email plim@ku.edu. No programs are scheduled this month for Arts & Sciences, Armchair Travel, or the Public Affairs Forum.



10 O’CLOCK SCHOLARS

(Wednesday Coffee Hour) (Zoom)

Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka omofola@ku.edu

Sept. 1, 10 a.m.

Sept. 8, 10 a.m.

Sept. 15, 10 a.m.

Sept. 22, 10 a.m.

Sept. 29, 10 a.m.

ARTS & SCIENCES: October

Kevin J. Boatright kjboatr@aol.com

Thursday, **Oct. 14**, 1:30 p.m.

Jerry Masinton, professor emeritus of English, will discuss his *noir* crime novel, *Wrong Man Down: A Millie Henshawe Novel* — how he came to write it and the relationship between fact and fiction.

CINEMA STUDIES (Zoom)

Paul Lim’s programming on Zoom this month features films about photographers and high-fashion photography.

DOCUMENTARY Films (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu

Friday, **Sept. 3**, 1:30 p.m.

‘Richard Avedon: Darkness and Light’

For over half a century, **Richard Avedon’s** photographs have filled the pages of magazines and been displayed in the world’s finest galleries and museums. This documentary features a wealth of rare material ranging from personal photographs to never-before-seen prints and includes exclusive interviews with theatre directors **Andre Gregory** and **Mike Nichols**, *New Yorker* editor **Tina Brown**, and Avedon himself. (1995, 87 min.)

DOMESTIC Films (Zoom)

Fred Madaus fmadaus@ku.edu

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu

Tuesday, **Sept. 14**, 1:30 p.m.

‘Funny Face’

Fred Astaire plays a fashion photographer roughly based on **Richard Avedon**. Bored with the usual

IN MEMORY



Saturday, Sept. 11, 1:30 p.m.

On the 20th anniversary of 9/11, we remember not only the 3,000 who perished at the World Trade Center, but also all those who died in the two decades that followed in “the forever war” that just ended in Afghanistan. Join us to view a video recording of **Philippe Herreweghe** conducting the Antwerp Symphony Orchestra in a moving performance of **Antonin Dvorak’s** monumental ‘Requiem,’ featuring the Collegium Vocale Gent and soloists **Ilse Eerens**, **Bernarda Fink**, **Maximilian Schmitt**, and **Nathan Berg**. (2014, sung in Latin with English subtitles, 97 min.). Email plim@ku.edu for the Zoom link.

models he works with, he discovers the next fashion icon in a bookstore — a quirky salesgirl, played by **Audrey Hepburn**, whom he whisks off to Paris for a glamorous on-location shoot. Romance blossoms when they start singing and dancing to songs written by **George and Ira Gershwin**. (1957, cc, 103 min.)

FOREIGN Films (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim. plim@ku.edu

Friday, **Sept. 10, 1:30 p.m.**

‘Blow-Up’

Michelangelo Antonioni's countercultural masterpiece about the act of seeing and the art of image-making, starring **David Hemmings** as a fashion photographer in swinging London who unknowingly captures a murder on film after secretly following two lovers in a park. The film features **Vanessa Redgrave, Jane Birkin, Veruschka**, and music by **Herbie Hancock** and **The Yardbirds**. Nominated for two Oscars. (1966, cc, 111 min.)

COMPUTING & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (Zoom)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Monday **Sept. 13, 10 a.m.** Technology Issues Forum: **Hacking** (TED Talks)

Monday **Sept. 27, 10 a.m.** **Amazon Sidewalk & Related Technology** (John Nicholson)

DRAMA STUDY (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel (guest host)

james.woelfel@yahoo.com

Tuesday, **Sept. 7, 1:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, **Sept. 21, 1:30 p.m.**

Our play reading for September will be **Archibald MacLeish's** 1956 Pulitzer-Prize-winning drama, **‘J.B.’**, a modern re-telling of the biblical story of Job.

GAMES THEORY (Zoom)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Monday, **Sept. 20, 10 a.m.**

Scribbler games

GARDEN SEMINAR (Zoom)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird75@gmail.com

Wednesday, **Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m.**

Wednesday, **Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m.**

Wednesday, **Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m.**

Wednesday, **Sept. 22, 8:30 a.m.**

Wednesday, **Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m.**

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

(Zoom)

Jim Woelfel james.woelfel@yahoo.com

Wednesday, **Sept. 8, 1:30 p.m.**

We will discuss five short essays by **George Orwell** from his *Collected Essays*: ‘Why I Write,’ ‘Shooting an Elephant,’ ‘Marrakech,’ ‘Looking Back on the Spanish War,’ and ‘Reflections on Gandhi.’

LUNCH BUNCH

Location or Zoom plan announced weekly

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Thursday, **Sept. 2, noon**

Thursday, **Sept. 9, noon**

Thursday, **Sept. 16, noon**

Thursday, **Sept. 23, noon**

Thursday, **Sept. 30, noon**

In consideration of everyone, participants are expected to be fully vaccinated and using masks.

MOVEMENT WORKSHOP Tai Chi

Haskell Springer springer@ku.edu

Friday, **Sept. 3, 9 a.m.**

Friday, **Sept. 10, 9 a.m.**

Friday, **Sept. 17, 9 a.m.**

Friday, **Sept. 24, 9 a.m.**

Weather permitting, we will meet in South Park, east of the gazebo. Beginners welcome. In consideration of everyone, participants are expected to be fully vaccinated and using masks.



MUSIC APPRECIATION (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu

Friday, Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m.

'Company,' **Stephen Sondheim's** groundbreaking 1970 musical, was revived in Spring 2011 with a concert version at Lincoln Center featuring **Neil Patrick Harris** as the eligible bachelor whom all his married friends have been trying unsuccessfully to get hitched. The ensemble includes **Patti LuPone, Jim Walton, Christina Hendricks, and Stephen Colbert** singing such classics as 'Ladies Who Lunch,' 'Side by Side by Side,' and 'Being Alive.' (Closed-captioned, 145 min.)

OLD TIME RADIO (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday, Sept. 27, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

This month, we feature an assortment of shows produced by **Anne and Frank Hummert**. They were creators of 'Mr. Keen, Tracer of Lost Persons' that we heard in July. The Hummerts created more than 100 shows for radio, including soaps, music, juvenile, and crime genres. We will listen to 'Manhattan Merry-Go-Round'; 'Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy'; 'Sky King'; and 'Mr. Chameleon (the Master of Disguises).' In February 2022 we will hear to some Hummert soap operas.

OPERA STUDY (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu

Friday, Sept. 17, 1:30 p.m.

Mozart's 'Die Entfuhrung Aus Dem Serail' (The Abduction From the Seraglio)

This version of 'The Abduction From the Seraglio' updates the 16-century Turkish setting to a contemporary fashion house filled with glamorous models who are ruled imperiously by its autocratic designer. What makes it even more distinctive was how the production was filmed live for a television audience in and around Hangar-7 in Salzburg, with a small audience moving from area to area, watching tenor **Javier Camarena** trying to rescue his beloved from the clutches of the bad guy. (2013, sung in German with English subtitles, 125 min. plus 27-min. bonus feature)

New chair for Arts & Sciences

Kevin Boatright has agreed to chair the Arts & Sciences programs for 2021-22. Previously, Mary Jane Dunlap and Karen Heintzen had served as co-chairs.

Kevin retired in 2016 as director of external affairs in KU's Office of Research. In addition to helping with Endacott programs, he volunteers as a docent at the Spencer Museum of Art, serves on the Council of the Hall Center for the Humanities, and occasionally teaches for the Osher Institute.

He has requested that Endacott members let him know about speakers or program topics that interest them. Contact him at kjboatr@aol.com

Endacott members teach Osher Institute classes

Retirement allows many of us to pursue interests or activities that time didn't permit when employed full time. Many Endacott members enroll in Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes, and some teach Osher classes. The list of instructors in the Fall 2021 Osher catalog includes Endacott members: **Thomas Fox Averill, Rex Buchanan, Diana Carlin, Jim Peters** (who retired in 2019 as Osher director) and **Evie Rapport**.

The Fall catalog is online at <https://lpe.ku.edu/osher-home>

During the summer and spring terms **Kevin Boatright** and **Dave Mannering** taught Osher classes. Rex, Diana, and Jim are teaching more than one course this fall.

Linda Kehres, who directs KU's Osher Institute, said she is interested in hearing from Endacott members who have suggestions for course topics or who would be interested in teaching a course. You may contact her by phone (785) 864-1373.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Fall 2021 in-person activities; Covid-19 policies, requirements

When we met at the Alumni Center, during the weekly coffee hour, members often exchanged information about local events as well as magazines and books (which were also available in the center's library). In the spirit of those exchanges, here is a quick list of community resources for Covid-19 information and plans for local organizations to resume in-person events for Fall 2021.

Douglas County Public Health: Information about vaccines, testing, re-opening the county, a new county Covid-19 epidemiological dashboard, and more go to: <https://ldchealth.org/442/COVID-19-2019-Novel-Coronavirus>

Protect KU: Policies, testing, vaccination, and situation updates <https://protect.ku.edu>

Lawrence Memorial Hospital: Testing and vaccine information, and current situation reports <https://www.lmh.org>



Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics: After 18 months of hosting programs exclusively online, the institute will conduct Fall programs in person. "We'll be taking appropriate precautions," Director Bill Lacy said. "We have installed an air purifier in Hansen Hall, and we'll be rigorously enforcing KU's mask mandate. We ...reserve the right to reschedule any program or transition to virtual at any time." <https://doleinstitute.org>

Hall Center for the Humanities: Plans in-person events this fall but cautions that, due to Covid-19 volatility, plans may change. Whether in-person, hybrid or entirely virtual, all events will be live-streamed via the Hall Center's Crowdcast channel. Check the website for Fall speakers and details: <https://hallcenter.ku.edu>

Lawrence Arts Center: Fall 2021 catalog online <https://lawrenceartscenter.org/2021/07/member-enrollment-begins-august-1-take-a-sneak-peek-of-fall-classes-and-events/>

Health and safety guidelines include an online self-screening questionnaire. Masks are required for all indoor activities and for outdoor events where social distance is not possible. <https://lawrenceartscenter.org/covid-19-guidelines/>

Lawrence Lifelong Recreation Program: Fall 2021 catalog link: <https://assets.lawrenceks.org/lprd/lifelong/lifelong-fallnewsletter21.pdf>

Gayle Sigurdson, Lawrence Lifelong Recreation programmer, said that, in the past year and a half, the program has had no reported cases of Covid among participants or instructors. Masks are required for all indoor activities.

Lawrence Public Library: Follows city health guidelines, requiring that visitors wear masks in public buildings. The library is open daily except for holidays. Many services are available online, including Retirement Bootcamp events. Explore at <https://lplks>

Lied Center of Kansas: Live performances are scheduled for the 2021-22 season. The line-up is at <https://lied.ku.edu/lied-series-events-grid> See the center's Covid-19 Updates at <https://lied.ku.edu/contact-us/lied-center-covid-19-update/>

Osher Institute of Kansas: Fall 2021 courses and events are offered in-person, hybrid, and via Zoom. Hybrid courses are new. Participants choosing hybrid need to indicate that when they register. <https://lpe.ku.edu/osher-home>

Senior Resource Center for Douglas County: In addition to transportation services and some classes, SRC offers a monthly newsletter, Better Senior Living, in print and online: https://yoursrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Better_Senior_Living_August2021.pdf



Digging in



(Above and right) Welcome Center construction site August 2021.

(Below) Workmen beneath the Alumni Center first-floor balcony doors. One workman is in a hole in the concrete flooring.



Ladder in photos at left and below indicates depth of drop from Oread Avenue to the back of the former parking lot for the Adams Alumni Center.



Top photos by Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka.
Lower photos by Mary Jane Dunlap.



BOX GARDENING

Raised boxes at Lawrence Village Cooperative, near Sixth Street and Queens Road, contain two separate gardens maintained by different condo owners.



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October 2021 Newsletter

Send news items for
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by or before **Monday,**
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DUES & GIFTS

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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.