



Endacott Society

Retired Faculty and Staff endacottsociety.org February 2022



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

February: so few days, so much to celebrate

Welcome to the shortest month of the year. Caution! Don't be deceived: February packs a powerful punch in its 28 short days. Its celebrations include the Chinese New/Lunar Year, Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, It is the birthday month of outstanding Americans distinguished for their defining roles in the march toward racial and gender equity. These include Abraham Lincoln Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, and Rosa Parks.

The whole month is set aside to recognize and acknowledge African Americans experiences in, and contributions to, the United States.

By the way, February is also the only month that can leap! It may take it a while to perform that feat, but it does regularly every four years, and gains one day extra in the process.

But I digress.

In this edition, we tip our hats to Endacott members who regularly volunteer for community services and who have been able to continue their regular volunteer activities, especially for services such as the Audio-Reader Network. We also applaud our program chairs, members, other retirees, and current faculty who share their knowledge through our program activities and through the Osher Institute with topics that can take our minds off the pandemic and winter.

If February give much snow, a fine summer it doth foreshow. — Old English saying

— Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, president

KU retirees honored for service to Audio-Reader Network

When Audio-Reader celebrated its 50th anniversary with a banquet Dec. 7, 2021, at Maceli's, several Endacott members were among 128 volunteers recognized for five or more of years of service.

Gayle Matchett and **Sue Nishikawa** topped the list.

Gayle was honored for 35 years of service completed in 2020. Sue completed 30 years of service, also in 2020.

Rex Buchanan completed 25 years of service in 2020.

Cindy Koester, **JoAnne Kready**, and **Molly Mulloy** have all been volunteering for 20 years — completed in 2021. **Haskell Springer** completed 20 years of service in 2020.

A posthumous award recognized the service of Eleanor Symons, who was Audio-Reader's first volunteer and who had continued volunteering after retiring from KU. She died Oct. 6, 2021, one month before completing her 50th year as a volunteer reader. **Goodwin "Goody" Garfield**, who died March 11, 2021, was recognized for his 10 years as a volunteer.

The Audio-Reader Network is a reading and information service for people who have difficulty reading standard print due to vision loss, physical or learning disability, mobility challenges, and age. Services are offered free of charge to anyone in the listening area who qualifies.

Dan Skinner, Audio-Reader director, noted: "This pandemic has emphasized just how essential and pertinent our service is. Our volunteers made sure our listeners had the news, information and connection to their communities they needed during this critical and isolating time. This is something our volunteers have been doing for a half-century, and because of them Audio-Reader will continue to serve our community for decades to come."



CHEERS!

Endacott members gathered for coffee on Dec. 29, 2021, at the Dillons at Sixth and Wakaruska to send 2021 on its way. Paul Lim donated a variety of wines in celebration of the new year. Back row: Fred Madaus and Ed Laut. Second row: Carolyn Madaus, Sharyn Katzman, Gayle Matchett, Esther Smith, Audrey

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Kamb-Studdard, Jim Woelfel, and Janis Hutchison. Kneeling: Ron Schorr, Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Sandra Wiechert, and Tom Adams. Also going home with a wine gift, but not pictured, were Sherry Kay, Jan Roth, and Rich Crank.

Retirees teaching spring Osher classes

Several KU retirees are teaching courses for KU's Osher Institute this spring, including four Endacott members.

Endcotter **Jim Peters** is teaching three courses on historical figures: Eleanor Roosevelt, John Brown, and Teddy Roosevelt. **Kevin Boatright** will explore the lost stories of four American soldiers; and **Diana Carlin** reviews lives of generals' wives.

These KU retirees also will be teaching spring classes: John Doveton (maps and imaginative cartography), Charles "Chick" Keller (climate changes), William Keel (German-American experience in the U.S. Civil War), Bernie Kish (reminiscences of a career soldier), Paul Schumaker (pluralism and

declining social and political trust), John C. Tibbetts (movies that changed the world).

The Osher Institute [spring semester catalog of courses is online](#).

Parks & Rec Travel Show Feb. 1

Lawrence Parks & Recreation will outline spring 2022 travel programs in a Zoom Travel Show at **2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1**.

For a Zoom link, contact Gayle Sigurdson gsigurdson@lawrenceks.org or 785-832-7938. Online registration begins following the presentation.

Gayle says all plans will depend on public health recommendations. The Feb. 1 presentation will be recorded and available on YouTube. Contact Gayle for a link.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

NOTE: All programs are scheduled for Central Standard Time.

To receive **Zoom links and passwords**, email Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka omofola@ku.edu; for programs administered by Paul Lim, email plim@ku.edu.

No February programs are scheduled for Armchair Travel or Movement Studies (Tai Chi).

10 O'CLOCK SCHOLARS (Zoom) (Wednesday Coffee Hour)

Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka omofola@ku.edu

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m.

ARTS & SCIENCES (Zoom)

Kevin Boatright kjboatr@aol.com

Thursday, Feb. 10, 1:30 p.m.

Osher Institute in a Time of Pandemic

Linda Kehres, who became director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at KU in 2019, will discuss how Osher has used technology to adapt to the pandemic while adding new courses and expanding KU's outreach to participants in more than 30 states. Osher was established at KU in 2004 and is one of 125 such institutes nationwide. The program provides intellectually engaging and enriching non-credit classes and events to diverse communities of lifelong learners, with a focus on participants age 50 and "better." The [spring semester catalog of courses is online](#). Kehres is a graduate of Leadership Kansas with degrees from Emporia State and Baker universities and a lengthy career with non-profit organizations in Topeka.

CINEMA STUDIES

Documentary, Domestic, Foreign, and Special Event films

For February, we are celebrating the Chinese Year of the Tiger with a pride of wildcats both feline and human, and also Black History Month with Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte, Dorothy Dandridge, Eartha Kitt, Nat "King" Cole, and Chadwick Boseman, among others. Email plim@ku.edu for the Zoom links.

DOCUMENTARY Film

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu

Friday, Feb 4, 1:30 p.m.

Tigers in Siberia and *in Las Vegas with Siegfried & Roy*

Tigers of the Snow features the rarely glimpsed and awe-inspiring Siberian tiger, the biggest cat on Earth, in its isolated wilderness stronghold in Russia. Join researchers as they risk their lives to help save these tigers from the modern pressures threatening them and their primordial forest kingdom (2006, cc, 57 minutes). Then see endangered white tigers being raised and tamed in captivity by *Siegfried and Roy* and doing their spectacular Las Vegas revue; it includes coverage of the unexpected attack in 2003 by Roy's favorite tiger. (2009, 50 minutes)

DOMESTIC Film

Fred Madaus fmadaus@ku.edu

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1:30 p.m.

Black Panther

After tragedy forces a young prince to assume Wakanda's throne, he is faced with the ultimate test, putting the fate of his country and the entire world at risk. Pitted against his own family, the new king must rally his allies and release the full power of the Black Panther to defeat his foes and embrace his future as an Avenger. Featuring Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, and Angela Bassett, the film won three Oscars — Best Original Score, Best Costume Design, and Best Production Design. (2018, cc, 2 hours 14 minutes)



FOREIGN Film

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu

Friday, Feb. 11, 1:30 p.m.

Life of Pi

Life of Pi is about a young man who, en route from India to Canada aboard a ship with his family's collection of zoo animals, manages to survive a disaster at sea. While cast away on a small lifeboat, he forms an unexpected relationship with another survivor, a fearsome Bengal tiger.

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The film adaptation is absolutely breathtaking, and the surprise ending has generated a lot of discussion. It was nominated for 11 Academy Awards and won four, including Best Director for Ang Lee. (2012, cc, 2 hours 7 minutes)

Valentine's Day SPECIAL (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu

Monday, Feb. 14, 1:30 p.m.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

When the daughter (Katharine Houghton) of a crusading publisher (Spencer Tracy) and his patrician wife (Katharine Hepburn) introduces her fiancé (Sydney Poitier), a distinguished Black doctor, the couple's parents grapple with the engagement. The daughter's mother accepts her decision to marry the Black man, but the father doesn't, and neither do the groom's parents, so what happens next? This landmark film



was nominated for 10 Oscars and won two, including Best Actress for Hepburn. (1967, cc, 1 hour 48 minutes)

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (Zoom)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Monday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m.

Technology Issues Forum: AI & Us

Monday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m.

The Metaverse

DRAMA STUDY (Zoom)

Michael Shaw. michaelhearnshaw@gmail.com

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1:30 p.m.

Juno and the Paycock

The play *Juno and the Paycock*, by Sean O'Casey, was first performed in 1924. It is set in a tenement apartment in Ireland during a time of economic difficulty and civil violence. Its mixture of comedy and tragedy has been described as Shakespearean. The drama group performs a reading of the play, followed by a discussion. We are always looking for new members, either to participate or to follow along. No expertise is needed; enthusiasm is valued.

GAMES THEORY (Zoom)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Monday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

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Monday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.

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GARDEN SEMINAR (Zoom)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel james.woelfel@yahoo.com

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1:30 p.m.

Passing

Nella Larsen's short, 1929 novel, *Passing*, portrays a Black woman, Clare Kendry, who grew up in Chicago's Black community but who has spent her adult life "passing" as white; she is the wife of a wealthy and racist businessman. An accidental encounter with an old school friend, Irene Redfield, leads to a friendship that exposes both the complexities and the dangers of interracial relations in the 1920s. *Passing* is a picture of upper-middle-class urban Black life of the time and also a challenging exploration of issues of race, gender, and class that remain with us. *Passing* has received renewed attention with the 2021 film adaptation directed by Rebecca Hall and released through Netflix. The film is on TIME magazine's "10 Best Movies of 2021" list. The novel is published by Dover's Books of Interest series and is also available as an online pdf.

LUNCH BUNCH

Location or Zoom plan announced weekly

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Thursday, Feb. 3, noon

Thursday, Feb. 10, noon

Thursday, Feb. 17, noon

Thursday, Feb. 24, noon

There has been some enthusiasm for the idea of meeting at the Arboretum IF there is an unseasonably warm day (not necessarily on a Thursday) AND there is no conflict with scheduled Endacott events.

MUSIC APPRECIATION (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu

Friday, Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m.

St. Louis Blues and *Eartha Kitt in Concert in Germany*

Loosely based on the life of W.C. Handy, the undisputed “father of the blues,” *St. Louis*



Blues features Nat “King” Cole as Handy, growing up in Memphis. His censorious preacher father throws his son out of the house after he finds him working as a piano player at a speakeasy and writing songs for a singer based on Bessie Smith, portrayed by Eartha Kitt. Also featured are Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald, Mahalia Jackson, Ruby Dee, and

Pearl Bailey (1958, 1 hour 30 minutes). An additional treat for the day is *Eartha Kitt in a live concert in Stuttgart* (1989, 60 minutes). These two films have never been released commercially on either VHS or DVD, and were taped off TV by Paul Lim back in the day.

OLD TIME RADIO (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday, Feb. 28, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Quiz Shows

We’ll listen to one of the fakest quiz shows on radio or television — *Truth or Consequences*, where the contestants can seldom answer a question correctly and must pay the consequences if they can’t. One of the most prestigious quiz shows was *Information Please*. Questions were submitted by listeners trying to stump celebrities, and if the celebrities were unable to answer correctly, the listener won a very nice prize. The most hysterical quiz show was *It Pays to Be Ignorant*. The host asks the guest comedians a question, and they give him a wrong answer that sounds like the right one. It was a very popular show and always contained many laughs. The Zoom waiting room opens at 1:15 p.m. No reservations needed, and everyone is welcome.

OPERA STUDIES (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu

Friday, Feb 18, 1:30 p.m.

Carmen Jones

Powered by the music of Georges Bizet and the magnificent lyrics of Oscar Hammerstein II, *Carmen Jones* is producer Otto Preminger's sensational all-black version of the classic opera. In this reincarnation, Dorothy Dandridge is a sultry parachute factory worker who lures a handsome WWII soldier (Harry Belafonte) away from his sweetheart; she soon tires of him and takes up with a heavyweight prizefighter, and all hell breaks loose. Also featured are Pearl Bailey and Diahann Carroll. (1954, cc, 1 hour 45 minutes)



PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM (Zoom)

Allan & Louise Hanson hanson@ku.edu and

louisehanson@gmail.com

Thursday, Feb. 17, 1:30 p.m.

Annie Get Your Gun??

The Public Affairs Forum is gathering a panel of speakers to take on the controversial topic of gun violence and gun control. Focusing largely on the legal aspects of the issue, we’ll be addressing the Second Amendment, the history of U.S. gun laws, and efforts to enforce those laws. Our panelists will offer their expert opinions while attendees will be encouraged to participate in what is certain to be an animated discussion of this vital contemporary topic. All are welcome!

SINGING FOR FUN

Jim Woelfel james.woelfel@yahoo.com

Stay tuned. If Omicron numbers dip and weather permits in mid-February, Jim would like to announce a songfest to celebrate Valentine’s Day, possibly at the First Presbyterian Church on Clinton Parkway. If all factors become do-able, Jim will email members about date, time, and place.



Dole Institute Spring 2022 programs offered both online and in person

The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics plans to offer some Spring 2022 programs in person but will continue online programs.

Audrey Coleman, new director of the Dole Institute, said this semester's programs were inspired by the military service and U.S. Senate leadership of Bob Dole, who died Dec. 5, 2021.

"We're excited to gather online and, for the first spring since 2020, in person," she said. "We will continue to monitor conditions of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, keeping the safety of our staff and our visitors in mind."

Evening programs begin Feb. 10 with the first installment in the virtual Presidential Lecture Series. The 2022 theme is "Military Veterans in the Oval Office." The series will consist of four virtual events in February and March featuring former Dole Institute Director Richard Norton Smith as well as leaders from the Truman and Eisenhower presidential libraries.

More program information, as well as ongoing additions to the schedule, can be found on the [Dole Institute website](#). All programs are free to the public and are live-streamed on the Institute's [YouTube channel](#).

In memoriam

A Celebration of Life for **Patricia Jean Kygar Eblen** will be from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 26, 2022, in the Big 12 Room at the [KU Memorial Union](#) in Lawrence. She died Nov. 11, 2021.

Jeannie was Endacott newsletter editor in 2018-19. Her husband, Tom, was Endacott president in 2006-07. He died June 10, 2017, a year after they had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

A smaller celebration reception will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. March 5 in Sedan, Kan. Interment of both Jean and Tom will be at Ozro Falls Cemetery near Hewins, Kan., Jeannie's childhood home.

Kenneth Barclay Armitage

April 18, 1925-Jan. 6, 2022, KU professor emeritus. <https://warrenmcelwain.com/obituary/kenneth-barclay-armitage/>

Endacott continues to seek donations to support Alumni Center projects

Endacott members have raised \$1,300 in support of the Alumni Association's dual projects to renovate the Adams Alumni Center and boost student recruitment with a new Jayhawk Welcome Center.

The Alumni Association and KU Endowment have raised all but \$2 million of the \$8 million to \$9 million needed to renovate the center for operation of the new Welcome Center and the building's traditional hospitality functions.

Construction of the privately funded \$21 million Welcome Center that adjoins the alumni building began last summer.

The Endacott Society will collect individual donations through June 2022 to support the renovation work. Donations are tax deductible.

Please make your checks payable to KU Endowment and send them to our treasurer, Pam Houston, 1807 N. 1150 Road, Lawrence KS 66046.

COMING UP

Endacott members plan events for Women's History Month

On March 11 at 10 a.m., **Kathryn Nemeth Tuttle** and **Georgann Eglinski** will tell the story of a women's group founded in 1871 — Lawrence Friends in Council — whose influence shaped the community of today. Their presentation at the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence is co-sponsored by the museum and KU's Osher Institute to celebrate Women's History Month. The Lawrence Friends in Council group will celebrate its 150th year in April. The co-sponsored event fee is \$40 and includes the presentation, a tour of two women's history current

exhibits, and a luncheon. Contact the Osher Institute for registration information, (913) 897-8530.

On March 30 and 31, from 6 to 8 p.m., **Jeanne Klein**, working with the Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery, will conduct a walking tour to recognize 22 suffragists buried there. These were women who won the right to vote in all elections in 1912 — eight years before the 19th Amendment was ratified. Please bring your own chairs and water. Informative handouts provided. A requested donation of \$15 supports Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery. Cash or checks may be made out to "Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery." Limited to 25 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, please contact Jeanne Klein kleinj@ku.edu or (785) 843-3744.

Jayhawk aerie



KU's new Welcome Center, which will adjoin the Adams Alumni Center, is expected to open in Fall 2022.

View live updates on the webcam at <https://kualumni.org/adams-alumni-ku-welcome-center/jayhawk-welcome-center/jayhawk-welcome-center-stories/>

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Newsletter

Send news for March by or before Sunday, **Feb 20**, to mjdunlap@ku.edu

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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 and ask for Records; or go online at www.kualumni.org/join, scroll down to 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 members 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 contributions will be deposited in the **Expressions of Appreciation Fund** and can, if designated, be used to support the Endacott Society's activities.

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