



# Endacott SOCIETY

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endacottsociety.org

Celebrating  
40 years  
1983 - 2023



Photo by Mark McDonald courtesy KU Endowment

The Jayhawk Welcome Center lobby filled with donors and guests for the grand opening on Feb. 25.

## Jayhawk Welcome Center

Opens new era in student recruitment;  
renovated home on the hill for alumni

In welcoming some 400 donors and guests to the Feb. 25 grand opening of the new Jayhawk Welcome Center at Adams Alumni Center, Heath Peterson, alumni president, proclaimed that a new era had begun in student recruitment and that Jayhawks past, present and future have a new home.

He and Chancellor Doug Girod noted that today's high-school students often choose a college based on their campus visit experience. The privately funded \$29.4 million Welcome Center complex focuses on offering an unmatched campus visit experience for prospective students.

Dale Seuferling, who retired as director of KU Endowment in August 2022,

described the Welcome Center as a companion project that builds on the history and experience of the alumni center.

As a 1977 KU journalism graduate who began working at Endowment in 1981, Dale recalled the 1983 dedication of the Adams Alumni Center. It was the first permanent home office for the KU Alumni Association.

Gifts from alumni and KU supporters made the alumni center possible in 1983 and the welcome center complex possible in 2023. The Adams Center, Dale noted, was named for Boots Adams in recognition of a leadership gift from the Adams family. Stanley

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Watch email and website calendar for meeting-site updates

My apologies to Endacott members for any confusion caused by the recent room shifts for Endacott activities. We hope to have a more stable schedule established in the near future, but I can't give you a definite timeline for when that will occur. The April meeting sites for 10 O'Clock Scholars, Technology Studies, and Gardening Seminar will be announced via email and on the website calendar at [endacottsociety.org](http://endacottsociety.org).

While the Kansas Union provided an excellent home for our activities during this past year, recent changes in room and equipment policies meant it was no longer a viable choice for us. As a result, activities previously held in the Union shifted to rooms in the Lawrence Public Library and the Douglas County Senior Resource Center.

We're currently in contact with KU Alumni Association regarding use of the renovated Adams Center. Discussions about a Memorandum of Understanding between KUAA and the Endacott Society are ongoing.

I very much appreciate everyone's patience as we deal with these complexities!

— *MaryKay Mahoney, president*

## Armchair Travel video of 2022 Latvia trip online

The March 9 Armchair Travel presentation by Georgann Eglinski of the trip that she and Ron Schorr made to Latvia in June 2022 was recorded thanks to Dave Mannering. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/K0xeEx8eu8k> The hybrid lecture was moved to the Lawrence Public Library. Allow about 50 seconds into the video for the lecture to begin.



Below: J. Tom Adams, visits with Paige Freeman, director of student alumni programs, (center) and Hala Hamid, alumni revenue development coordinator, about the Endacott Society.



Photos by Mark McDonald / courtesy KU Endowment

## Student Life Cycle concept resonates with Endacott Society member

**J** Tom Adams, Endacott’s co-chair for Cinema Studies, was among the donors attending the Feb. 25 grand opening of the Jayhawk Welcome Center at the Adams Alumni Center. Dale Seufferling’s description of the adjoining buildings supporting a life-cycle from prospective student to alums resonated with Adams, who retired in 1995 after a career that included working at KU and KUMC.

Tom is not related to the Boots Adams family, but his name tag at the reception prompted several to ask “how I was related to Boots,” he said.

Others asked him about Endacott Society.

“We had been asked to wear our game-day outfits of crimson and blue, so I wore my crimson shirt and Endacott hoodie,” which prompted some guests to ask: What is Endacott Society?

When Tom explained the society was part of the KU Alumni Association, one inquirer said “she knew someone that I should meet and would have her seek me out. I suggested that I wouldn’t be hard to find with my walker and Endacott jacket.”

Soon, Paige Freeman, director of student alumni programs, and Hala Hamid, KUAA revenue development coordinator, introduced themselves to Tom and asked him to tell them about the Endacott Society.

“I explained that our members are retired faculty and staff and spouses, that our backgrounds and professions vary, that many members have traveled and taught in various countries around the world. I told her that, although retired, our members are interested in remaining actively involved in the university and community.”

Thinking of Dale’s remarks about the “life cycle” of students, Tom said, “Our members are part of that life cycle and [many] want to be actively involved in a productive way with the students. I suggested that we had much to learn from the younger generations and that there were unknown, almost unlimited and untapped resources among our members, which could be of value to them.”

Paige, who will graduate with a doctorate in education this spring, indicated that she would think about ways student alumni and the Endacott Society might interact in the future, once meetings resume in the center.

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Learned and Paul Endacott, who had worked with Boots, added to that leadership gift. Adams, Endacott and Learned were among five KU alumni who served as president of the Phillips Petroleum Co.

“KU will benefit immeasurably from the new services of these facilities,” Dale said. He described the adjoining buildings as a “single facility to support the entire life cycle of a prospective student who becomes a lifelong Jayhawk.”

“The Jayhawk Welcome Center will be the entry point for a prospective student to learn of the possibilities of becoming a KU student.

“With the new Student Alumni Center in the Adams building, made possible by Don and Kay Brada, the KU student can learn about engagement in student activities, career opportunities, and other support during their student days.

“And, following graduation, the cycle continues as the Adams Alumni Center (as well as the JWC) serves as the ‘forever’ home for returning Jayhawks.”

# APRIL ACTIVITIES

**NOTE: All activities previously scheduled in the Union are being relocated for April.** Please check the [endacottsociety.org](http://endacottsociety.org) web calendar for new locations.

No programs scheduled in April for:

- Armchair Travel
- Arts & Sciences Lecture
- Evening Lecture and Potluck
- Movement Workshop (Tai Chi)
- Out of Town Travel

## 100'CLOCK SCHOLARS (Wednesday Coffee Hour)

MaryKay Mahoney [mahoneym@merrimack.edu](mailto:mahoneym@merrimack.edu)

Locations for the coffee hours will be announced by email and posted in the online calendar at [endacottsociety.org](http://endacottsociety.org). Zoom availability will depend on the site.

**Wednesday April 5, 10 a.m.**

**Wednesday April 12, 10 a.m.**

**Wednesday April 19, 10 a.m.**

**Wednesday April 26, 10 a.m.**

## CINEMA STUDIES

Nora Clark [nora.clark@washburn.edu](mailto:nora.clark@washburn.edu)

J. Tom Adams [papawmik2004@yahoo.com](mailto:papawmik2004@yahoo.com)

We have scheduled a variety of movies this month and would appreciate your comments and preferences for full-length movies and series, mini-series, lectures, etc. You may bring your lunch and beverage; coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

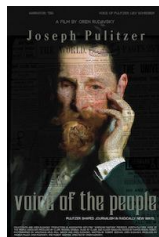
## DOCUMENTARY

Tuesday, **April 25, 1:30 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library, Room C

**Joseph Pulitzer: Voice of the People**

Joseph Pulitzer, who as a young Hungarian immigrated to America in 1864, later became a newspaper publisher. He spoke of “fake news” over 100 years ago and fought the dangers that the suppression of news had for a democracy long before present threats to our freedom of the press. His heroic battles have been forgotten along with the lessons we might learn from the tools he deployed against his enemies. (2018, 1 hour 24 minutes)



## DOMESTIC FILM

Tuesday, **April 11, 1:30 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library, Room B

**Hidden Figures**

Nominated for three Academy Awards, including Best Picture, *Hidden Figures* tells the remarkable story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson — brilliant African American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn, a stunning achievement that turned around the Space Race. The visionary trio crossed gender and racial lines and inspired generations. (2016, 2 hours 7 minutes)



## FOREIGN FILM

Friday, **April 21, 1:30 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library, Room C

**The Professor and the Madman**

Professor James Murray (Mel Gibson) begins work compiling the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary in the mid-19th century, and receives over 10,000 entries from Dr. William Minor, a patient at the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum (Sean Penn). This movie, directed by Farhad Safinia, is the true story of the lexicologists who defined our world. (2019, 2 hours 4 minutes)



## DRAMA STUDIES

Michael Shaw [michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com)

Tuesday, **April 4, 1:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, **April 18, 1:30 p.m.**

Pioneer Ridge Retirement Community, 1000 Wakaruska Drive, Community Room

**The Cherry Orchard, by Anton Chekhov**

Anne Shaw, will lead the reading of *The Cherry Orchard*, Chekhov's last and, some people think, his finest, play. It has been called “the supreme achievement of the naturalistic movement in the modern theatre.” Please join us.

## GARDEN SEMINAR

Cal & Jo Cink [ccinkbird75@gmail.com](mailto:ccinkbird75@gmail.com)

Location and program information will be announced by email.

Wednesday, **April 12, 9 a.m.**

Wednesday, **April 26, 9 a.m.**

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## GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel. [woelfel@ku.edu](mailto:woelfel@ku.edu)

Wednesday, April 12, 1:30 p.m.

### ***The Death of Ivan Ilych*, by Leo Tolstoy**

Although set in late 19th-century Russia, *Ivan Ilych* is an Everyman story that could have taken place in any number of other countries: the story of one man's ordinary, conventional life and how his dying causes him to re-evaluate and struggle to redeem his life. The story belongs to the later period of Tolstoy's life, following the midlife crisis and conversion he recounted in his *Confession*. *Ivan Ilych* is a short-story classic, available in many anthologies and also online in a .pdf version. Jim notes that it is long for a short story and is sometimes referred to and even published as a novella or a short novel. For members who may have read *Ivan Ilych* for Great Books in 2016, Jim suggests it is a classic worth more than one reading and discussion.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Ron Schorr [rwwschorr@gmail.com](mailto:rwwschorr@gmail.com)

Weekly on **Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.**

Ron will announce a local restaurant each week. Suggestions for locations are welcome. If there are any reasonably warm Wednesdays, he will announce the plan to dine picnic-style at the Weinberg Pavilion at the Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St.

Wednesday, April 5, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, April 12, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, April 19, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, April 26, 11:45 a.m.

## OLD TIME RADIO (Zoom)

John Nicholson [wryterjccc@gmail.com](mailto:wryterjccc@gmail.com)

Monday, April 24, 1:30-3:20 p.m.

We will listen to *Somebody Knows*, which asks the public for information about unsolved murders and offers a large reward for facts resulting in the arrest and conviction of the killer. This episode covers the case of Elizabeth Short, also known as the Black Dahlia. We will also listen to *Ripley's Believe It or Not*. The final show will be the last episode of the *Stan Freberg Show*. Freberg was a comedian who couldn't keep a sponsor because he made severe and humorous remarks about them or their products. The waiting room opens at 1:15 p.m. Please join us.

## SINGING FOR FUN

Jim Woelfel. [woelfel@ku.edu](mailto:woelfel@ku.edu)

Friday, April 28, 10 a.m. (tentative)

Location to be announced.

Jim will send email announcements with details about plans for April.

## TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (AKA Computer & Technology Studies)

David Mannerling [dmannerling@yahoo.com](mailto:dmannerling@yahoo.com)

The location and whether the meeting will be hybrid will be determined later. Check the [endacottsociety.org](http://endacottsociety.org) web calendar closer to the meeting dates.

Wednesday, April 5, 9 a.m.

**A History of Radio Recording and Broadcast Technology**, John Nicholson

Wednesday, April 19, 9 a.m.

**How Technology Got in Your Wallet**, Gary Minden

## Osher Institute summer session

### June 6 - August 4

KU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has listed its summer session courses and special events online. Click [Osher course](#) for the list.

The summer course list includes 22 new courses and seven new instructors.

Endacott's immediate past president, **Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka**, is among the new instructors. More Endacott members teaching this summer include **Diana Carlin**, **Lindy Eakin**, and **Jim Peters**. Their topics and the dates and locations of their classes are online. Most classes are in-person; some are on Zoom or a combination of Zoom and in-person.

Special events include a visit to the Flint Hills with **Rex Buchanan**; a George and Martha

Washington re-enactment at Brandon Woods in Lawrence; a bus tour of historic Kansas City; a visit to Independence, Mo., with **Jim Peters**; and a guided tour of the Arabia Steamboat and the World War I museums in Kansas City.

Paid members of an alumni association at KU, K-State, or Washburn can receive a \$10 a semester discount. Click here for information: [Learn more](#).

### KU 2023 Mini College June 5 -7

KU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute also announced that registration is open for KU's Mini College, June 5-7 on the Lawrence campus. The fee of \$165 includes continental breakfast each morning, a pizza lunch on June 6, and videos of lectures missed. The registration link includes a list of speakers for 2023. [Register here](#) or call 785-864-6779.

# IN MEMORIAM

We include Endacott members and retirees and their spouses in the KU community. The names in **boldface** are recent members. To find the full obituary, visit the website listed with each entry.

**WILLIAM ROBERT “BILL” BRADY**, 66, died March 19. Memorial services were held March 25 at Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home. After attending Pittsburg State, Bill returned to his hometown, Parsons, and was elected to the Kansas Legislature in 1980. He met Nancy Rogers, who was completing a PhD and employed at the KU Bureau of Child Research in Parsons. They married in 1988. He served 10 years in the House of Representatives and six years in the Senate. His major accomplishments included advancements in public education finance, improvements to state employee pay and working conditions, and adopting a non-partisan closure commission to identify existing mental health and development service facilities for closure to expedite the move of clients into community settings. He recently served on the search committee for Pittsburg State’s president. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, daughter Maureen, son Kevin (Michelle), a granddaughter, and four sisters. Full obituary at [rumsey-yost.com](http://rumsey-yost.com)

**MARJORIE JEAN COLE (1936-2023)** died Feb. 22 after a short illness. A memorial service was held March 2 at Warren-McElwain Mortuary. Inurnment at Pioneer Cemetery. Marjorie taught special education in Lawrence Public Schools for more than 20 years. With her late husband, Richard, and children, she started a family business, SoftCole, which produced Type to Learn, a game-based software program used in many school districts. It helps children learn to type while also mastering fun facts. In retirement, she volunteered with the AARP Tax Program, was active in the Lawrence League of Women Voters chapter, and also served as a poll worker. Her husband, Richard, a member of KU’s philosophy faculty, died in 2013. Her children are Mark Cole (Gretchen) of West Chester, Pa.; Wendy Cole Ashlock of Guelph, Ontario; and Aletha Cole Musser (David) of Somerville, Mass.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and two sisters. Her beloved dog is Toby. Full obituary at [warrenmcelwain.com](http://warrenmcelwain.com)

**GARY L. GRUNEWALD (1937-2023)** died Feb. 20. In lieu of a service Gary wished everyone to remember him in their own way. His ashes will

be inurned at Pioneer Cemetery. After completing his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin, Gary joined KU’s newly created Department of Medicinal Chemistry in 1966 as an assistant professor. He was department chair from 1994 to 2003 and interim dean of the School of Pharmacy in 1993-94. During his 50-year teaching career, he received numerous teaching awards, trained nearly 40 PhD students and taught pharmacy students. Gary also served the American Chemical Society Division of Medicinal Chemistry in various capacities, including chairman. He was a Fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, a Fellow of the American Chemical Society, and an inaugural member of the Division of Medicinal Chemistry Hall of Fame. Gary also was a founding board member of the Medicinal and Bioorganic Chemistry Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to education of medicinal chemists in academia and industry. Full obituary at [warrenmcelwain.com](http://warrenmcelwain.com).

**EVA MAE DANIELS (1956-2023)** died March 11 at Lawrence Presbyterian Manor. Funeral services were March 17 at Calvary Church of God in Lawrence. Burial at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence. She graduated from Lawrence High School and worked for several years at KU. She also wrote gospel songs. Survivors include her sons, Thomas M. Daniels, Jr. (Tracey) and Ellis G. Daniels (Lauren) all of Lawrence; five grandchildren; and a sister. Full obituary at [warrenmcelwain.com](http://warrenmcelwain.com)

**MARRILLIE COCHRAN GOOD**, 98, died Feb. 25 in Lawrence. She married Larry Good, a veteran studying architecture at KSU. Marrillie managed the office of Lawrence R. Good Architects and worked in the Study Abroad Office at KU. She became a Stephen Minister and was an active member in the First Presbyterian Church. Marrillie was a docent at the Spencer Art Museum and patron of the ACT Theater, Lyric Opera, Kansas City Ballet, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and Lawrence Community Theater. Marrillie was preceded in death by her husband and her brother Floyd. She is survived by her brother John (103 years old), sons Jeffrey and James, daughter Carolyn, seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Full obituary at [warrenmcelwain.com](http://warrenmcelwain.com).

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L. JEAN MCCARTHY (1930-2023) died Feb. 16. Services were held March 3 at Corpus Christi Church. Jean and Paul J. McCarthy were married in 1952. In 1961 they moved to Lawrence, where Paul taught mathematics at KU. They were married for 60 years, until Paul's death in 2012. Jean also was preceded in death by daughter Margo; grandson, PJ; and brother Richard. Jean is survived by her son, Mark; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Full obituary at [warrenmcelwain.com](http://warrenmcelwain.com)

NANCY SUE MITCHELL (1943-2023) died Feb. 27 at Pioneer Ridge Assisted Living in Lawrence. A celebration of Nancy's life is planned for summer 2023. Nancy was diagnosed with

incurable cancer in January 2022. She was buried next to her husband, Timothy Frank Mitchell, in Waldo, Kan. They enjoyed 27 years of marriage until Tim's death from leukemia in 1993. Nancy worked in the KU Office of Study Abroad as a Program Director for 15 years and then for Butler University, promoting its study abroad programs. She retired in 2007. Survivors include her daughters, Kristina Walker and Sarah Sypher; sons-in law Scott Walker and Michael Sypher; two granddaughters; two sisters; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law J. Full obituary at [warrenmcelwain.com](http://warrenmcelwain.com)

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## Assorted events coming to the neighborhood

### Magical, Mystical Multi-Piano Concert

**April 1, Saturday, 1 p.m.**

Lawrence Arts Center, Main Stage  
940 New Hampshire St.  
Tickets: \$5

More than 70 students of Lawrence area piano teachers perform on the main stage at the Lawrence Arts Center, featuring eight grand pianos. The event is under the direction of Johannah Cox and Collin Watgen, with Doug Wendel as Master of Ceremonies.

### I<sup>n</sup>zhúje'waxóbe/Sacred Red Rock Project

**April 1, Saturday, 3 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library Auditorium  
Free

The project leadership will give a public presentation on the I<sup>n</sup>zhúje'waxóbe / Sacred Red Rock project funded by the Mellon Foundation Monuments Project Initiative.

A collaboration led by members of the Kaw Nation with the city of Lawrence, KU, Spencer Museum of Art, Kanza Heritage Society and others, the project is focused on the return and relocation of I<sup>n</sup>zhúje'waxóbe, the red Siouxan quartzite boulder currently located in Robinson Park, to the Kaw Nation. The Kaw people have a

centuries-long relationship with the rock and value it as a sacred item of prayer, said Jay T. Johnson, professor of geography and atmospheric science and director of the Center for Indigenous Research, Science, and Technology. Find information and history online: [sacredredrock.com](http://sacredredrock.com).

### KU Multi-Piano Concert

**April 2, Sunday, 3 p.m.**

Lawrence Arts Center, Main Stage  
940 New Hampshire Street  
Free

University of Kansas pianists will perform dual piano and multi-piano ensembles by the composers Lavignac, Moszkowski, Milhaud, Saint-Saens, Debussy, Faure, and Beethoven. The final piece, "Turkish March" by Beethoven, is a rollicking rendition for multiple pianos. The performers are graduate students studying with KU piano faculty Yi-Yang Chen, Michael Kirkendoll, and Scott McBride Smith.

### KU Relays

**April 13 -15** (see schedule for times)

Rock Chalk Park, 6100 Rock Chalk Dr.  
Tickets required. <https://kuathletics.venue>  
The Kansas Relays is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Each day's schedule is online [kuathletics.com](http://kuathletics.com). If you are interested in volunteering, contact Erin Penning [epenning@ku.edu](mailto:epenning@ku.edu) or call the Track & Field Office, 785-862-3486.

## Walk With Ease sessions (hybrid)

**April 17-May 26. 1:30 p.m.**

Landon Center on Aging, 3599 Rainbow Blvd.  
Kansas City, Kan.

Free. Registration required.

The Landon Center on Aging is offering a six-week session of Walk With Ease on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning April 17. It will again be a hybrid class to accommodate those who live outside of the KC Metro area. Offered with the Arthritis Foundation, the sessions are designed to reduce pain and improve flexibility. Participants warm up online or in-person as a group and then walk on their own. Contact Matt Chandler, director of Life Enrichment and Wellness, for registration information at [mchandler@kumc.edu](mailto:mchandler@kumc.edu).

## Goodman Distinguished Lecture in Japanese Studies: Los Angeles Chef

**April 19, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.**

Cider Gallery, 810 Pennsylvania St.

Free

Los Angeles Michelin-starred Chef David Schlosser will give the 2023 Goodman Distinguished Lecture in Japanese Studies at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the Cider Gallery, 810 Pennsylvania St.

Schlosser was appointed by the Japanese government in 2019 as a Goodwill Ambassador to Promote Japanese Cuisine. He will talk about his Japanese culinary odyssey that began with training under Masa Takayama at the famed Ginza Sushi-ko in 2002, then working as the chef to the U.S. Ambassador to Japan. He owns two Los Angeles restaurants: the Shibumi and the Imari. Schlosser will also speak about his cuisine and his interest in reviving early modern (1600-1868) recipes.

The Goodman Lecture is sponsored by KU's Center for East Asian Studies and the history department. Grant K. Goodman (1924-2014), retired from the center and from the history department in 1984. During WWII, he served in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Service in the Philippines and eventually in Tokyo. In retirement, he served as Endacott Society's president in 1997-98.

## Author and MacArthur Fellow Jacqueline

### Woodson to speak

**April 20, Thursday, 7 p.m.**

Liberty Hall, 644 Massachusetts St.

Free

Jacqueline Woodson, an award-winning author and MacArthur Fellow, will speak in Liberty Hall as the Lawrence Public Library's 2023 Ross and Marianna Beach Author.

Woodson will be in conversation with Giselle Anatol, director of the J. Wayne & Elsie M. Gunn Center for the Study of Science Fiction at KU and interim director of KU's Hall Center for the Humanities. The program will include questions from the audience.

Woodson is best known for her New York Times best-selling memoir *Brown Girl Dreaming*, winner of numerous awards. Her books have won four Newbery Honors. Recent honors include serving as the Young People's Poet Laureate from 2015 to 2017. In 2020, Woodson received a Hans Christian Andersen Medal and was named a MacArthur Fellow.

## Policymaker, cyber expert will give Self Graduate Fellowship Lecture

**April 21, Friday, 3:30 p.m.**

Kansas Memorial Union, Woodruff Auditorium

Free

David Edelman, an American policymaker and academic who directs the Project on Technology, the Economy, and National Security at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will deliver the Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship Symposium Lecture.

His topic is "The Next Decade: Tech Trends and Innovations Shaping Our Future."

Edelman is one of the nation's foremost authorities on how new innovations are changing life and business around the globe. Dubbed the nation's "chief cyber diplomat," he has shared insights on issues like artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data ethics and the geopolitics of technology that have shaped national and international policy at the highest levels.

## Community Shred Days 2023

**April 22, Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon**

River City Church, 3001 Lawrence Ave.

Free

Capitol Federal® sponsors a Community Shred Day in Lawrence. Full details on location and documents accepted for shredding are available at this link [capfed.com/privacy-and-security/shred-days](https://capfed.com/privacy-and-security/shred-days)

## MAY NEWS deadline

The newsletter is edited by Mary Jane Dunlap and Evie Rapport. Please send news and photos for the May 2023 newsletter by April 20 to Mary Jane.

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# Showing solidarity

The Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine performed at the Lied Center of Kansas on Feb. 27 to a capacity house, including nearly 90 Endacott members and their guests. The tickets were a generous gift to Endacott members by Lied Center Director Derek Kwan. Many members wore blue and yellow to show solidarity with the Ukrainian people. Georgann Eglinski donated buttons displaying the blue and yellow field of the Ukrainian flag. The buttons were courtesy of the Lawrence Public Library. Before the concert began, Paul S. Lim snapped photos of some of those attending.



BELOW from left: MaryKay Mahoney, Jo and Cal Cink distributed the tickets at the door.

Photos by Paul S. Lim



TOP: In the lobby, standing, Gene Wee, Dee Boeck, and Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka. Seated, from left: Joan Reiber, David and Sharyn Katzman.

ABOVE: Seated in the concert hall (front row) Victor Wallace, Pam and Doug Houston, Mary Warren, Jim Woelfel, Susan Levine; (second row) Jan and Stan Roth, Lee Ketzler, two unidentified guests, and Sandra Wiechert (standing); seated on back row, center: Hans-Peter Schultze and Gloria Garratia.



In the ticket line, from left: Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Lucy Price with her guests Kay Hale and Mary McCoy, Mary Johnson, and Iris Smith Fischer. In the small world department: Lucy and her guests had an opportunity to meet violinist Vladyslava Luchenko at intermission. Vladyslava is a friend of Lucy's niece, Elaine Fukunaga (pianist) and her husband Christopher Whiting (violinist), who live in Switzerland. They alerted Vladyslava to introduce herself to Lucy at the concert.





Photo by Paul S. Lim

During a standing ovation by the Lied Center audience, members of the Lviv national orchestra lifted two flags in symbolic solidarity, Ukraine's flag

on the right, and a stylized flag blending the U.S. stars-and-stripes on the left, with the Ukraine's blue and yellow. See another view below.

## Backstory: KU trumpets sound for Ukraine

After the concert, KU's Trumpet Ensemble and two guest trumpeters, led by Steve Leisring, professor of music, rushed to the stage door of the Lied Center of Lawrence.

As members of the Lviv National Orchestra boarded their bus to journey to their next stop, the trumpet ensemble played the Ukraine national anthem. See video [youtube.com/watch?v=Pz-ouCJPLAc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pz-ouCJPLAc)

Here's how it happened: KU's student trumpet players had formed a bond with some Ukrainian musicians in the past few years through weekly reports from Leisring.

Leisring has worked with Ukrainian musicians and trumpet students since 2019, when he was in Krakow, Poland, as the guest of a Polish university colleague, Tomasz Slusarczyk.

"I had a ticket to go to Ukraine in March 2020, only to have the pandemic cancel it," Leisring said. Instead, he went online to judge music competitions for hundreds of Ukrainian students.

One student, Taia, a 14-year-old he had met in 2019, attended KU's online 2021 Midwestern Music camp.

"When the war started in 2022, I wrote to her mom, asking if they were OK. Her response was, 'We are in our basement in Kyiv, listening to the terrible sounds, and they are getting closer.'

"I did not know what to say. So I said, 'Tell Taia when I see her next, I will bring her a nice new trumpet.'"

Leisring keeps in weekly contact not only with Taia's family but also with families of other students now living in Poland.

Last summer he traveled to Poland and delivered a trumpet to Taia. Leisring's wife, pianist Paulina Leisring, and his students had helped him purchase it.

"The family was so touched, they made personal gifts (of bracelets) for all my KU students, which I delivered to them at the start of Fall 2022.

"It was an intense moment."

So when Leisring proposed to his trumpet studio that they attend the concert and play the Ukrainian national anthem afterward, the resounding response was: Yes!

Two guest trumpet players joined them: Kurt DuPuis and John Abbracciamento, both recently retired from "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band. They were in Lawrence working with the KU ensemble, heard of the plan and asked to join us, Leisring said.

He is working with Band of Angels Fox 4 and Meyer Music in Kansas City, Mo., to bring Taia and another displaced student to KU's 2023 Midwestern Music Camp. Funding has been approved, he said.

Endacott members may remember Leisring was the trumpet professor who worked with former Provost Neeli Bendapudi to encourage a young Afghan trumpet player, Ahmad Baset Azizi to enroll at KU. His family escaped Kabul in August 2021 and were reunited with Baset in time to attend his graduation ceremonies in May 2022.



Photo from Steve Leisring's Facebook page

## SERVICE PROJECT

### Members helped stock Campus Cupboard in February

The Endacott Society took on a service project in February 2023 to supply food and personal care items to the KU Campus Cupboard in the Memorial Union. Members collected products and brought them to Wednesday Coffee in the Malott Room. The items were inventoried, a label was applied identifying the *Endacott Society KU Retirees* as the donor, and delivered to the Campus Cupboard office on the fourth floor of the Union after each of the four monthly meetings. The donations were accepted by KU student volunteers who distribute them to students and support staff in need of supplemental food.

The collection effort was very successful. We brought in 130 items during

the month, with cold cereal accounting for about a third of the total (38 boxes). Gluten-free items included some of the cereal as well as tortillas, crackers, and spaghetti. Healthy snack foods included 16 items, spices 11 items, one-pouch meals five items, pasta and sauce six items, canned fruits and vegetables 15 items, and personal toiletries seven items. Several members made monetary contributions to the Campus Cupboard.

The graduate assistant at the Cupboard was very pleased with our efforts and hopes we will continue to partner with them on an annual basis in whichever month we choose to help them out. — *Submitted by Jo Cink*

### Kevin Boatright nominated as 2024-25 president elect

Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, nominating committee chair, announced during the March 8 coffee hour that Kevin Boatright has been nominated to serve as president-elect for the 2024-25 term.

Dave Mannering is president-elect for the 2023-24 term.

Dave and Kevin will be on the slate of officers for election during the annual meeting held in June, usually as part of a Wednesday coffee hour. Officers begin serving on July 1.

The date of the annual business meeting and more details about the officers and nominees will be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

### Expressions of Appreciation

Contributions or memorial gifts in honor of living 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 gifts will be deposited in the **Expressions of Appreciation Fund** and can, if so designated, be used to support the Endacott Society activities.

### *"I am 95 f-ing years old"*

Last month, the New York Times reviewed the eight-decade singing career of "The Unsinkable Marilyn Maye" as she was about to make her Carnegie Hall debut at age 94.

Born in Wichita, Maye celebrates her 95th birthday on April 10. She had her first job at age 9 on a radio show after winning an amateur talent contest in Topeka. Her break in the music business came when TV host Steve Allen heard her perform in Kansas City, Mo.

When the reporter asks her if she might have become a bigger star sooner in her career, Maye's answer was classic:

"I am 95 f-ing years old. I don't have time to be a larger star. I don't have time to be any more than this night."

### MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Formed in 1983, the Endacott Society is a program within the KU Alumni Association for retired faculty and staff and is open to retirees from other accredited institutions of higher education. Our purpose is to provide activities that enable members to continue their professional relationships with KU and to participate in our service, educational, and social opportunities. Annual dues are \$30 for an individual or couple membership. To pay dues or apply for membership, contact the Records Office of the KU Alumni Association by calling 785-864-4760 or go online [www.kualumni.org/join](http://www.kualumni.org/join) to find the membership option for Endacott Society.