ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Jeannine Blackwell, who came to UK in 1985, has served as Dean of the UK Graduate School since 2003. Prior to her appointment as dean, she served as an associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, as acting director of the Women’s Studies program, and chair of the Department of Germanic Language and Literature. Her advanced degrees (Duke and Indiana Universities) are in the field of German literature; her research has focused on German and Central European writers from the Reformation to present. She has received scholarly support from the Fulbright Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

LUNCHEON MENU

Caesar Salad
Sweet Chili Glazed Salmon
Edamame Succotash, Pickled Carrots & Bean Sprouts
Apple Crisp with Bourbon Sauce
For vegetarians: Toasted Potato Gnocci

* Substitutions are possible only for dietary allergies or religious/lifestyle restrictions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

These are the candidates approved by the Executive Committee for 2012-13 to be voted on at the April meeting. Nominations from the floor are welcome.

President: Thomas Garrity
Vice-President: Lee Edgerton
Treasurer: James Chapman
Executive Secretary: Mary Witt, Sue Fosson
Recording Secretary: Ed Sagan

Mary Witt has served on the Executive Committee as Vice-President, President, and past President. And she played a leading role in organizing the 20th anniversary celebration. Sue Fosson has been invaluable as co-executive secretary.

James Chapman is well qualified for the position of Treasurer. In the early 1990’s he served as the UK Chancellor’s right hand person; was President of the Lexington Community College, President of a small college in Ohio, and Chancellor of the University of Alaska.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Place: Hillary J. Boone Center
Social Time: 11:00-11:30 A.M.
Luncheon: 11:30 A.M.
Program: 12:30 P.M.
Speaker: Dr. Jeannine Blackwell, Dean, Graduate School
Topic: “Current Issues in Graduate Education”
Business Meeting: 1:00 P.M.

THE NOONAN SYNDROME TALK

Those who did not attend the February luncheon missed Dr. Jackie Noonan’s delightful and informative talk in which she presented a brief history on how she first described the syndrome and how the condition became known as the Noonan syndrome. Thanks to her largesse, here is her shortened version of it.

After completing her training in pediatric cardiology, she went to Iowa City as an assistant-professor to develop a pediatric cardiology program. There she observed that children with congenital heart disease frequently had additional anomalies. So she began recording patient information for every child diagnosed with a cardiac defect. After studying 833 patients, she noted that nine of them looked like brothers and sisters. Later she identified this same familial characteristic in ten more patients.

These findings were first reported at a professional meeting; then later, after she moved to Kentucky, she published her findings in 1968. Although she did not identify the anomaly as “Noonan Syndrome,” a former student-intern gave it the same familial characteristic in ten more patients.

She recalled a number of interesting anecdotes about the role that Noonan Syndrome has played in her life and the
interesting foreign travel that has resulted because of its world-wide occurrence.

She reported that a mother of a child with Noonan Syndrome started a support group in which Doctor Noonan has been involved and which has become the pattern for such groups throughout the world.

In 2001, a gene for Noonan Syndrome was found, which has attracted research by basic scientists and has resulted in her collaboration with a number of investigators.

UK COMMENCEMENT—2012

Most UK emeriti remember when Commencement took place in the Coliseum where diplomas for all academic levels were awarded at one ceremony. That scenario, however, is past history as indicated by the planned one hundred forty-fifth Commencement ceremony scheduled for this spring.

The 2011-12 Commencement ceremonies will take place on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at Rupp Arena. The awarding of Graduate and Professional degrees is scheduled for 9:00 a.m.

At 1:00 p.m. the Colleges of Agriculture, Business and Economics, Engineering and Nursing will award undergraduate diplomas.

At 6:00 p.m. degrees will be awarded for Arts and Sciences, Communications, Design, Fine Arts, Health Science, and Nursing.

President Eli Capilouto will officiate at all three ceremonies.

For more detail about the event, log on to [http://www.uky.edu/Commencement/faculty.html](http://www.uky.edu/Commencement/faculty.html)

OLLI AT UK: Where Curiosity Never Retires

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UK lists information about enrichment classes (created for learners aged 50+) that are offered at community centers and churches in the Lexington area. This program complements the Donovan Program by offering classes/exhibits/performing arts off campus.

If you are interested in attending a meeting this spring to help you decide whether to register with OLLI (members may preview fall 2012 opportunities), try one of these forums offered on Thursdays, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Lexington Senior Center on Alumni and Limestone.

April 5: RECEPTION and Guest Presenter: Ruth Scott, UK college of Agriculture: Springtime Floral Design. Basic principles of design and the creation of hand-tied bouquets.


April 26: Guest Presenter: Tim Knauer, Director, UK MacAdam Student Observatory: Killer Asteroids & Comets.

Should they keep you up at night? Explore the makeup of these mysterious objects, their numbers, pathways, and future directions.

May 3: RECEPTION & Guest Presenter: Jim Friess, Clayborne Farm: History of Claiborne Farm & the Life of Secretariat, 1973 Triple Crown Champion.

Summer OLLI opportunities include fitness and yoga classes. Fall and spring classes include topics on computers and technology, culture, history and government, languages, performing arts, science and environment, visual arts and special interest groups. Registration is by mail and registration form is available online.

Check the OLLI website: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UK—[www.mc.uky.edu/aging/](http://www.mc.uky.edu/aging/)

--Mary Witt

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NEW MEMBERS: 2011-12

We heartily welcome these recent retirees and new members of our Association.

Gary L. and Karen Cromwell Agriculture
Chuen B. and Mei Hong Vet. Science
William C. and Charlotte Lubawy Pharmacy
Alan T. and Beryl Male Engineering
Alan Jack and Kay McAllister Agriculture
Elizabeth D. and Norman Schulman Clinical Health

UKAEF WEBSITE

The UKAEF Website is still a work in progress. We hope to have it up and running by late this summer or early fall. If you have any suggestions, please notify Casie Clements at casie.ukaef@gmail.com
I plan to attend the luncheon. Enclosed is $___________ for __________ reservation(s) at $20.00 each.

NAME ___________________________ GUEST’S NAME ___________________________

Necessary Change in Menu Choice: ____________________________________________

Reason for Change: __________________________________________________________

I (we) need transportation. Address: ____________________________________________

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859-523-3460 or e-mail: casie.ukaef@gmail.com

Note: Saturday, March 31st is the deadline to make a reservation for the luncheon or to cancel a reservation in order to receive a reimbursement.