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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

BRIAN A. JACKSON. Our third meeting and luncheon of the academic year is always special. Last year's presentations by our three AEF Fellowship recipients were inspiring. For our February 11, 2020 meeting we will award four fellowships. Each recipient will speak briefly and then Graduate School Interim Dean and Professor of Physiology Brian Jackson will speak on On-Line Graduate Education.



Brian A. Jackson presently serves as Interim Dean of U.K. Graduate School. His U.K. affiliations are with Physiology and with the Cardiovascular Research Center. Dr. Jackson received his B.Sc. (1974) and Ph.D. (1977) from the University of Sheffield.

"CONGRATULATIONS" ARE IN ORDER

In the last couple months, we learned of two UKAEF Members who have received notable awards. **Bradley C. Canon** is one of the 2019 Inductees into the U.K. College of Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame. Dr. Canon spent 42 years in the U.K. Dept. of Political Science. He taught courses like *Civil Liberties in the U.S.; The Supreme Court, Constitutional Interpretation and Privacy Law and Issues.*" The 20th Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Reception was held Oct. 4, 2019 at the Gatton Student Center.

F. Douglas Scutchfield is the recipient of the 2019 Sedgwick Memorial Medal for Distinguished Service in Public Health. The *Sedgwick Memorial Medal* is the American Public Health Association's oldest and most prestigious honor. Dr. Scutchfield accepted the award from APHA President Dr. Georges Benjamin on Nov. 6, 2019 in Philadelphia during the APHA annual meeting. Congratulations to both of our colleagues.

Let's keep this acknowledgement of colleagues' successes going. Tell us about your awards received since your retirement from U.K. Some faculty may be hesitant to make their own news public. So, take the lead and help us acknowledge your friends and

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Place: Hilary J. Boone Center, UK Campus

Social Time: 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.

Program 12:00 p.m.

Speaker: Brian A. Jackson, UK Graduate School Interim Dean

Topic: "On-Line Graduate Education"

Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 1:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 11 LUNCHEON MENU

STARTER: Butternut Squash Bisque ENTRÉE: Bacon-Wrapped Pork Tenderloin with White Cheddar Cheese Grits and Braised Greens Grilled Coriander Salmon with Lemon Couscous and Haricot Vert Almandine DESSERT: Apple Crumble Pie with Oat Streusel and Whipped Cream Choice of beverage Substitutions are possible only for dietary allergies or religious/lifestyle restrictions.

<u>Note:</u> The Staff of Hilary J. Boone Center appreciates efforts of UKAEF members to carpool when possible. If you require transportation, please note your need on the luncheon reservation form, third page.

colleagues. Send information about notable award winners to <u>maryhotzewitt@gmail.com</u> for inclusion in the April 2020 UKAEF Newsletter.

WHY FOUR FELLOWSHIPS THIS YEAR? James and Ann Chapman are gifting funds to offer a fourth UKAEF fellowship. We express sincere gratitude to James and Ann Chapman for their generous gift. The Fellowship Committee chaired by Lee Edgerton had 61 worthy PhD and professional applicants who deserve our advocacy. We appreciate this opportunity to tell four graduate students "Congratulations" and support their goals of teaching at the university level.

Zachary Dschaak

Zachary Dschaak's mentor says he is already an excellent teacher of undergraduates, both in traditional classes and outside of the classroom in clinical and undergraduate research projects. Comments from his students note that he is "a phenomenal teacher," that he "knows the material inside and out," is "strict but caring." The ability to empathize with students who



are first generation or who grew up in single parent households, or households with both functional and financial limitations, comes from his own background growing up in rural Montana. The financial limitations drove Zachary to shift from a goal of teaching history to more lucrative jobs in the oil fields and pipelines. Feeling unfulfilled he returned to school to major in psychology where his early experiences, combined with teaching experiences in two different classes, led to a desire to be a professor focusing on addressing mental health disparities.

Rebecca McGrail

"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." So said Aristotle and so says root scientist, Rebecca McGrail. As an undergraduate, Rebecca did all the right things. She completed required reading (making notes on what she read), worked the recommended study problems, and rewrote and reviewed her class notes. She helped her friends under-



stand the more difficult concepts so they succeeded on the exams – but Rebecca did not. However a professor, with whom she worked as a lab teaching assistant, taught her how to make material more memorable for herself and how to embrace her own learning styles. Rebecca says "My own bitter roots in education produced fruit. By learning how to help myself learn, I became interested in helping others do the same." She teaches an undergraduate lab in which students come from 9 majors. Her ability to engage students from diverse backgrounds and rearrange the labs to meet their diverse learning styles led her mentor to place her at the top of some 40 TA's he has had for the course.

Andres Vindas Melendez

A major stumbling block for many in pursuing their educational goals is mathematics. However, Andres Melendez, growing up in a Spanish-speaking household, "found comfort in a subject that did not require an extensive use of my English skills: mathematics." Andres' enthusiasm for and talent in Mathematics has resulted in his



invited participation in two international workshops. In addition to his contributions in research, one of his mentors states: "Andrés is passionate about his work on diversity and inclusion issues." He further notes: "Andrés has an intimate understanding of the experience for members of groups minoritized in a given community, and for social and civic challenges in the United States. this will allow Andrés to function as an effective educator, inviting more people into the world of mathematics by connecting it to their lives in meaningful ways."

Brittany Rice

"Despite remarkable scientific and medical advances over the past several decades, minorities experience higher diseaseassociated mortality rates than Caucasians." Brittany Rice recognizes that this disparity in health care relates also to educational issues. By overcoming many of the economic and social issues related to education, she is



driven to be a role model and to encourage other women and minority students (from elementary students to graduate students) to pursue education in science and technological programs. Her mentor reports that, "On paper, I am Brittany's mentor, but in reality, I already seek her out for her valuable input and opinions about research ideas and teaching experiences." She is also a sterling example of persistence, serving as head of household for her family in North Carolina following her Mother's stroke in 2012, as well as maintaining her household in Kentucky. The combination of intellect and grit bodes well for a future in education of more women and minorities.

IN MEMORIAM

*Member, UKAEF

- Theodore Bolling, Spouse of Anna Bolling, Student Affairs
- Gene Huff, Education
- Eric A. Crulke, Chemical Engineering
- Garey Lee White, Civil Engineering

- Miriam Woolfolk, Spouse of Patch G. Woolfolk, Animal Sciences
- Louise J. Zegeer, Nursing

How to USE YOUR IRA TO MAKE A GIFT

Several members have asked for specifics regarding using Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from a Traditional IRA to contribute to our Graduate Fellowship Endowment. If you wish to contribute via a Traditional IRA, and are over 70.5 years old, the financial firm managing your IRA will ask you to complete a form to ensure that the contribution is legal. You may give any amount up to \$100,000 annually. The information to be included on the form is:

University of Kentucky UK Association of Emeriti Faculty Fellowship Endowment University of Kentucky Office of Gift Receiving 210 Malabu Drive, Suite 200 Lexington, KY 40502

Contact Person: Nikki Russell; 849.257.3914

If you do not have a Traditional IRA, but wish to take advantage of this tax-wise giving option, you may create one using a 401(k) or 403(b) account. UK Philanthropy's Office of Gift & Estate Planning can discuss any questions you may have about this or other charitable planning strategies.

UK Philanthropy, Office of Gift & Estate Planning Contact Person: Tom Barker; 859.257.7886

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