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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

By Michael Reed

SUE ROBERTS is Professor of Geography and Associate Provost for Internationalization at the University of Kentucky. She has led the UK International Center since 2017, and before that she was an Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. Other administrative roles include directing the International Studies program, being Department Chair and Director of Graduate Studies.



TITLE OF SUE ROBERTS' ZOOM PRESENTATION:

UPDATE ON INTERNATIONALIZATION AT UK

Summary: An overview of trends impacting key aspects of UK's global engagements and the changing work of the UK International Center in these challenging times. Will cover key areas such as student mobility (inbound international students and outbound education abroad students), student recruitment, research, and partnerships.

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear AEF Colleagues:

Your AEF board has asked me to pass along their appreciation for your continued membership and support during these challenging months. We hope you had a safe, restful, and healthy end of 2020 -- a year to remember.

Vice President Michael Reed has been working via email and phone to finalize our two Spring 2021 events. The coming availability of COVID-19 vaccine brings a measure of hope that we have not had in many months. Our February event will take place via Zoom. Former AEF president and board member Dr. Scutchfield, MD, is also our medical advisor. We will rely on his professional advice for the possibility of having a late-spring lunch at Spindletop Hall.

Michael Tearney is our representative on the UK Benefits Committee; Michael Kennedy represents us on

the UK Senate. Both report that there are no proposed retiree benefit changes at this point. Given the current financial environment, we are monitoring the possibility of changes. Kennedy notes that UK does not propose to remove faculty retiree use of email and MS software services.

As usual, I will be in touch via email during the spring semester with AEF updates and Zoom meeting links.

Sincerely,
Douglas A. Boyd, President AEF

CONGRATULATIONS TO UKAEF FELLOWSHIP WINNERS, 2020-2021

by Lee Edgerton, Chair, Fellowship Committee

Each year, UKAEF awards three UK doctoral students \$2,500 fellowships made possible by donations from its members and by support from the Commonwealth of Kentucky Research Challenge Trust Fund. James and Ann Chapman donated funds for a fourth \$2,500 fellowship award this year. Winners are currently enrolled at UK and plan to seek careers in college/university teaching. Thirty graduate students applied for our awards this year. Our CONGRATULATIONS to these four deserving winners.

Jonghee Lee Caldararo

Jonghee Lee Caldararo is a first-generation college student pursuing a doctoral degree in Geography. Her research focuses on nighttime use of public spaces in Seoul, South Korea. She attributes her success, in part, to being "lucky to have the teachers who always made me feel seen and listened to..." This early experience inspired her to teach, not merely as an occupation, but as one "always learning and sharing the pleasure of learning..." Jonghee is successfully reaching this goal as reflected in the comments of her mentors, who note that her contributions to the classroom discussions and activities are not only well received by students but have gone beyond what the mentors themselves were able to do.



Carissa Faith Slone

Carissa Faith Slone is a first-generation doctoral candidate in Mathematics. She is ahead of schedule in her program and in her second year she applied for and received an honorable mention for an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. Her research interests focus on “equivariant homotopy theory” (for the mathematicians in our readership). In addition to her serving as recitation instructor in four different calculus courses and primary instructor in MA 11, Carissa has been assigned to lead three training programs for other graduate students in the math department. She has also served as president of the local chapter of the Association for Women in Mathematics.



Taylor R. Valentino

Taylor R Valentino took an unusual route to his graduate program in Physiology where he is focusing on how the gut microbiome affects skeletal muscle. As a high school student his goal was to star in a rock band. Attending a community college was simply a concession to a parent’s wishes. However, at some point he started running ultra-marathons and took a few classes which he hoped would help him run better. This began a long journey of increased interest in muscle physiology, a tangential shift to teaching and pursuit of a Ph.D. His mentors tell a tale of initially simply being curious about this rock star convert to being won over by his commitment and enthusiasm, traits which have led to multiple publications and to pursuing a graduate certificate in Physiology Teaching.



Brandon Charles West

Brandon Charles West is a doctoral candidate in English. He has broad interests in Literature, folklore and film. Being selected for a UKAEF fellowship in this COVID-conflicted year seems timely as he has given a presentation titled: “Cultivating Paranoia: The Conspiracy as Political Tool” and has a forthcoming book: *Liminality in Horror: The Blurred Line between Fiction and Reality*. His commitment to students is illustrated by the fact that in his first year at UK, he nominated several students for



excellence awards and facilitated revision of the first year WRD text (Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies): Town Branch Writing Collection. Brandon’s teaching is highly regarded, and his writing is described as “sophisticated, original, ambitious, and incredibly creative.”

TRIBUTE TO DR. JACQUELINE NOONAN, MD

by Dr. Donna J. Grigsby, MD

The world lost one of its finest physicians when Dr. Noonan passed July 23, 2020 but more importantly, UK lost one of the most amazing human beings I will ever know. The absolute honor of being in the same hospital and learning from someone like Dr. Noonan has been one of my life’s greatest gifts. There are very few physicians who possess the clinical skills that she had and certainly no one of my generation or in generations to come will have her level of clinical skill. None of us can place a stethoscope on an infant’s chest for seconds and come up with the exact diagnosis, but Dr. Noonan could. She tried to slow her brain to allow us students who were mere mortals to understand what we were hearing on exam or seeing on an EKG that she read in seconds, but most of us could not keep up with her. And it wasn’t just her brain that outran us. We used to laugh that if we missed her coming from our morning report, it took us too long to figure out where she went, and, by the time we spotted her, she had seen all her patients and read all the EKGs before we even made it down the hall. It was such a common expression of dismay among residents: we all recognized that “I-lost-Dr.-Noonan-again” look and tried to help locate her for each other.

Even more important than her clinical teaching is what she modeled for us with her respect and love of patients and families and of our profession. She once told me that “you don’t do Pediatrics for the money; you do it for the hugs and the smiles.” Watching her with patients and families demonstrated that every day of her life taking care of patients was filled with absolute joy. She spent her professional life caring for children whose hearts were not quite right. But Dr. Noonan’s heart was overflowing with compassion and kindness. She was one of the most renowned and well-respected Pediatric Cardiologists in the world and only she didn’t seem to realize her incredible reputation. For her, all the recognition she received seemed to pale in comparison to the love she received from patients and families. Her capacity for kindness in everyday circumstances and in the darkest of times helped sustain many of her patients and families through their very worst days and helped young physicians survive long days and nights at the bedsides of very ill and dying children.

I must admit that I was disappointed when Dr. Noonan passed and there was little mention of her in the Lexington Herald-Leader or in the news, but then I realized that she would have wanted it just that way. Never one to draw attention to herself or her accomplishments, of course she would slip out of this world in the middle of a pandemic with little fanfare. After all, for her, it was never about seeking glory but always about the joy of caring for others that will define her legacy for her patients and for those of us blessed to work with her. RIP Dr. Noonan.

IN MEMORIAM

***Member, UKAEF**

- ♦ Wilbur Frye, Plant and Soil Sciences
- ♦ Martin Paul Kaplan, Pediatrics
- ♦ *James All Knoblett, Accounting
- ♦ *Albert Lederer, Management Information Systems
- ♦ John Mack, Mathematics

- ♦ Richard Millich, Psychology
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- ♦ *Evelyn S. Niedenzu, Chemistry
- ♦ Elizabeth Anne Stiene-Martin, Hematology
- ♦ *Ray Edwin Tucker, Animal Sciences

“Good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal.”—Jesse Stuart

**REMINDER: next Zoom meeting is
Tuesday, February 9, 2020, noon.**

**LINK SENT TO MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENT WITH 2020-21 DUES.
(If you have any issues with the Zoom link contact Doug Boyd at Boyd@email.uky.edu)**

**Sue Roberts: UPDATE ON INTERNATIONALIZATION AT UK,
followed by Q & A.**

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