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ABOUT THE SPEAKER
By Michael Reed

LISA CASSIS, PhD has served as the University of Kentucky's Vice President for Research since June 2015. As VP for Research, she leads the university's research enterprise and oversees research proposal development, grants and contracts administration, research integrity (human and animal), intellectual property and commercialization, federal relations, research IT, Research communications, 13 multi-disciplinary research centers and institutes, and seven service core facilities. She has provided leadership on the UK Strategic Plan and for the \$265 million Healthy Kentucky Research Building—which focuses UK research efforts on Kentucky's most pressing health challenges in the areas of cancer, obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and substance abuse. In 2018, Dr. Cassis pioneered the Research Priority Areas initiative using criteria of importance of the area of research to people of Kentucky, existing strength and disciplinary diversity. The seven research priority areas include those within the Healthy Kentucky Research Building, energy and UNited In racial Equity (UNITE). These research priorities are experiencing growth in extramural grants and contracts and providing to researchers across the institution resources to facilitate their programs. As a result of considerable changes to the research infrastructure and strong leadership across the institution, extramural grants and contracts have grown by 67% during Dr. Cassis' tenure as VP for Research.



She is principal investigator on several, multi-million-dollar federal grants, including serving as program director of a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant that supports the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) focusing on obesity and cardiovascular diseases. She has published more than 170 scholarly articles, has been continuously funded by the NIH for 33 years, has served on several NIH standing study sections, and is the recipient of several national research awards.

Cassis joined the faculty at UK in 1988 and is currently a professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences, the Saha Cardiovascular Research Center, the Graduate Center for Toxicology, the Barnstable Brown Diabetes and Obesity Center, and the College of Pharmacy.

Cassis earned a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy and Ph.D. in pharmacology from West Virginia University and held postdoctoral positions at the University of Wurzburg in Wurzburg, Germany, and the University of Virginia.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Place: The Club at UK's Spindletop Hall,
3414 Iron Works Pike, Lexington Ky 40511

Social Time: 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.

Program 12:00 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Lisa Cassis

Topic: "Research at UK"

Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 1:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8 LUNCHEON MENU

Baby Wedge Salad
Chicken & Mushroom Croquettes
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Asparagus and Crème Fraiche Herb Sauce

DESSERT: Chocolate Bourbon Flourless Cake

Choice of beverage

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

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear AEF Colleagues:

I appreciate the positive feedback I have received from many members about Dr. Stack's Zoom lunch. Special thanks go to board members Dr. Scutchfield and Vice President Dr. Mike Reed for arranging for Dr. Stack's presentation.

As I draft this letter in early December 2021, we are learning more about the Omicron strain of the COVID virus. I want members to know that as we plan for two lunches during the first part of 2022, we constantly seek expert medical advice to ensure that members are as safe as possible. We have long depended on the advice of past AEF president Douglas Scutchfield, MD. We also now have Dr. Sheila Woods, MD, meeting with our board as incoming newsletter editor. We feel confident that with these board members and others advising us we will continue to make

the best decisions possible regarding in-person meetings. The board has moved back to in-person meetings.

The entire AEF board hopes that you have had a wonderful and safe holiday season and a happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Douglas A. Boyd, President AEF

CONGRATULATIONS TO UKAEF FELLOWSHIP WINNERS, 2021-2022

by Lee Edgerton, Chair, Fellowship Committee

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. In addition, James and Ann Chapman generously donated funds for a fourth fellowship award again this year. Winners are currently enrolled at UK and selected, in part, based upon a desire to seek careers in college/university teaching. Our CONGRATULATIONS to these four deserving winners.

This year's recipients, in alphabetical order are:

Angela Hanson

Angela Hanson is a doctoral candidate in mathematics. Her journey as a mathematics instructor started with a textbook, well wishes and a desire to teach a class as she had "always wanted to be taught." Angela says, "in return, my students felt safe to share with me what was working for them and what wasn't and, therefore, taught me as much if not more than I taught them." This ability to blend teaching and learning led to one mentor describing Angela as having "strong social skills" and being able to "smoothly shift between the role of being a leader and being an engaged participant when others took the lead. This mix of strong mathematical skills and sophisticated social skills are critically important for modern mathematicians, and these skills will serve Angela very well in the future." The DGS says Angela's efforts, as co-chair of the Graduate Student Council, were critical "to helping the math graduate student community weather an almost-entirely online academic year."



Karen Kinslow

Karen Kinslow is a doctoral candidate in geography with a goal of working in collaboration with both social and natural scientists in community-centered environmental research and instruction. Her mentor says, "While Karen is doing novel and theoretically sophisticated dissertation research, teaching for her is much more than an incidental duty." He notes that her "investment of time and energy into teaching exceeds her fellow grad students as well as some faculty." She is a "sophisticated synthesizer of concepts" from anthropology, ecology, and geography. As such she will "help us all move toward new models of



academic scholarship and their potential public benefits." Another faculty member describes her as "a wonderful colleague and a superb teacher" who is "superbly qualified and well poised to extend her research findings on the practices of biological and geological conservation in the context of citizenship."

Melanie Miller

Melanie Miller is a doctoral candidate in education whose goal is to advance "health equity and access to affirming care for marginalized groups." Melanie describes how, as a first-generation college student, "I got lost in a building that I wasn't even meant to be in and stumbled – quite



literally – into a psychology teacher who has since become a defining teacher and mentor in my life." She "gave me the roadmap on how to think critically about change within the educational systems. ... so that I can reach a "hand down the ladder of academia" instead of only looking up for myself. Inspired by her, and so many other mentors along the way, I have become dedicated to crafting a similar teaching style of blending together education and field-based skills required to not just help my students succeed.... but also pull up other future learners." That Melanie is achieving her goals is affirmed by one mentor who describes her as "a self-motivated, ambitious, dedicated, and hard-working professional with a passionate interest in engaging in research and discussion that highlights the strengths of diverse cultural groups."

Victor Okuo

Victor Okuo. If experience is the best teacher, Victor Okuo, doctoral candidate in Chemistry, is well taught. Being hard of hearing from an early age, he has been forced to adapt to different learning strategies and to demonstrate resilience in facing challenges. With extensive teaching experience at both the secondary and college level, his goal is to obtain a faculty position after completing his Ph.D. He is open to working at a regular institution or one which specializes in educating those with hearing deficits such as Gallaudet. His advisor says he will be a "role model for academia." He is an "exceptional student" and an "exceptional researcher." "He has a deep-seated, passionate interest in chemistry, not just as a series of topics and concepts, but especially including the processes involved in learning (and applying) chemistry as an educational endeavor." His research involves studying how students visually track useful and useless information about chemistry. Thus, "He will not just be able to teach students what to learn and why it should be learned, but he will also be able to teach them how to learn."



IN MEMORIAM

*Member, UKAEF

- ♦ *Andrew Grimes, Business Management
- ♦ Walter G. (Wally) Hansen, Ag Biosystems and Engineering
- ♦ Wiley Hix Henderson, Jr., Ag Biosystems and Engineering
- ♦ John Patterson, Chemistry
- ♦ *Donald E. Sands, Chemistry

- ♦ James Farrel (Jim) Zolman, Psychology
- ♦ Ralph Miller, College of Medicine, Endocrinology
- ♦ *David C. Randall, College of Medicine, Physiology
- ♦ Thomas L. Rozman, College of Medicine
- ♦ Theodore Tauchert, Mechanical Engineering

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

2021-2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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UK ASSOCIATION OF EMERITI FACULTY LUNCHEON RESERVATION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

I plan to attend the luncheon. Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ reservation(s) at \$25.00 each.

NAME _____ GUEST'S NAME _____

Necessary Change in Menu Choice: _____

Intolerance/Allergic reaction/Religious reason: _____

Is transportation to The Club at UK's Sprindletop Hall a problem for you? _____ Yes _____ No

If "Yes", what is your address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

**Make check for luncheon reservation payable to UK Association of Emeriti Faculty (UKAEF).
Mail form and check to: UKAEF, c/o Casie Clements, 4812 Trillium Pl., Lexington, KY 40514-1410
(call or email if close to deadline) 859-523-3460 or e-mail: casie.ukaef@gmail.com*

****Deadline for making reservations or to cancel reservations is Tuesday, January 25, 2022****

Note: Board members will help you find members who may be willing to assist you in getting to the February meeting if you require transportation.

UK ASSOCIATION OF EMERITI FACULTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, 2021-2022* (Dues for 2021-2022 should be paid in September 2021)

NAME _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

Dept./Col. _____

Address _____

Zip+4 _____ Tel. _____

E-mail address (please include, if you have one) _____

2021-22 Dues are* \$20 (includes spouse or partner)

CHECK ONE: New member _____ Renewal _____

MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE FELLOWSHIP FUND*\$ _____

(CHECK ONE) in memory of _____ in honor of _____ Name: _____

**Make check for membership dues and /or fellowship donation payable to UK Association of Emeriti Faculty (UKAEF).
Mail form and check(s) to: UKAEF, c/o Casie Clements, 4812 Trillium Pl., Lexington, KY 40514-1410
(A few folks have already paid their 21/22 dues this spring/summer. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL, ON
THIS NEWSLETTER, TO SEE IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID YOUR 21/22 DUES)*



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