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**ABOUT THE SPEAKER
(ZOOM MEETING)**

AL CROSS is Director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, which helps rural news media define the public agenda in their communities and reports on broader issues that have local impact but few local sources. The Institute is based in the University of Kentucky's School of Journalism and Media, where Cross is a professor in the Extension Title series, meaning that most of his work is directed off campus. He is in the College of Communications and Information and is a member of the College Faculty Council and the University Senate Council.

Cross helped organize the Institute, which has academic partners at 25 universities in 17 states. He became its director in 2004, after more than 26 years as a reporter at The Courier-Journal, the last 15½ as chief political writer. He writes a political column about twice a month for the Louisville newspaper and is a KET election commentator. His awards include the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame (2010), the media award of the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation (2006), the media award of the Kentucky Psychological Association (2013), the James Madison First Amendment Award of the Scripps Howard First Amendment Center at UK (2015), and a share of the 1989 Pulitzer Prize won by The Courier-Journal staff for coverage of the nation's deadliest bus and drunk driving crash. He shared an investigative reporting award in the Southern Journalism Awards for a 1987 series on surface mining, including some of the first comprehensive stories on mountaintop-removal mining.

He is often quoted nationally on Kentucky politics and has appeared on PBS's "Washington Week in Review" and other television programs.

**TITLE OF AL CROSS'S ZOOM
PRESENTATION:**

**THE KENTUCKY POLITICAL LANDSCAPE IN
THE WAKE OF THE NOV. 3 ELECTIONS**

**LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
DOUGLAS A. BOYD**

Dear AEF Colleagues:

Your AEF Board continues to wish you safety and good health during these unusual times. Thank you for renewing your AEF membership.

I have sent to all on the AEF email list a copy of Dr. Morris Grubbs' PowerPoint presentation, in case you were not able to be part of his September 8 Zoom presentation. It was enlightening to hear what Dr. Grubbs and colleagues are doing to advance Ph.D. education at UK.

I had an email from former Vice President Linda Worley recently. She noted how much she misses being involved with our organization. Linda stepped down as AEF Vice President for personal reasons.

We are especially fortunate to have Dr. Michael Reed as our new Vice President. Mike has recently retired from UK after a distinguished teaching, research, and service career in the Department of Agricultural Economics. He has also been UK's Director of International Affairs.

Immediate past AEF President Dr. Scutchfield has arranged for former Courier-Journal political writer and now UK Professor of Journalism Al Cross to give a presentation regarding the local and national results of the November 3 election. His Zoom presentation, **"The Kentucky Political Landscape in the Wake of the Nov. 3 Elections,"** followed by Q and A will be at **12 noon on Tuesday, November 17**. I will send the Zoom link TO ALL WHO HAVE PAID DUES FOR 2020-21.

The presentation of our four AEF graduate fellowships will be featured at our February meeting. We have identified a potential luncheon venue if Medical advice suggests that we might be ready for an in-person event. We understand that we are all part of a demographic that is especially vulnerable to becoming seriously ill should we become COVID infected. If a lunch meeting is judged to be premature, we will Zoom it.

This newsletter includes another application for AEF membership. Please pass it to anyone you know who is retired from UK or is on phased retirement and might like to join our group.

Wishing everyone the best of health,
Douglas A. Boyd, AEF President

AEF FELLOWSHIPS APPLICATIONS

The deadline to apply for AEF Fellowships is Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020. Currently enrolled, full-time, fully admitted Ph.D., Ed.D., D.M.A., or D.S. students are eligible if they have completed two semesters in a Graduate School academic program. Spread the word. Applications can be found at gradschool.uky.edu.

DURING THE PANDEMIC—SHARED IDEAS

by Mary Witt

It was good to reconnect with participants in the UKAEF Sept. 1, 2020 Zoom meeting and share ideas on activities that help us stay engaged and challenged during this pandemic. We agreed that a fitness routine to **Keep Moving** contributes to a healthy attitude during our stay-at-home days. Suggestions included regular walks in neighborhoods, on golf course paths, on a track at YWCA, and on a home treadmill. One Zoom participant noted that the UK employee fitness center at 1020 Export (across from Parking and Transportation) is not crowded, has cardio equipment, a strength training center, and weights. Hours are Mon-Fri 6 to 9am; 11am to 2pm; 4-9pm; Sat & Sun 8am to noon. Pay a visit and see what you think.

Sue Fosson suggests we **Continue Learning** with online opportunities like **ONE-DAY UNIVERSITY**. Edith Hamilton says it well: “To be able to be caught up in the world of thought—that is to be educated.”

Sue noted four ONE-DAY UNIVERSITY LECTURES that were made available by AARP that she watched and recommends.

UNDERSTANDING AMERICA THROUGH FOUR REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPHS

Louis Masur / Rutgers University
<https://www.onedayu.com/aarp-819/>

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE BRAIN (AND WHAT WE DON'T)

Jessica Payne / University of Notre Dame
<https://www.onedayu.com/aarp-826/>

FOUR MEMORABLE MUSICALS THAT CHANGED BROADWAY

Sean Hartley / Kaufman Music Center
<https://www.onedayu.com/aarp-812/>

A SINATRA CENTENNIAL: WHAT MADE OL' BLUE EYES GREAT?

Anna Celenza / Georgetown University
<https://www.onedayu.com/aarp/>

Here is **the link to upcoming One-Day University classes** that includes registration information.
https://aarp.cvent.com/c/calendar/69879073-b19c-4fb6-974e-e42b0b7710e2?cmp=SNP-ICM-EXCONN-ODU_%7B%7D%7D%7D

You may want to give the classes a try.

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REMEMBERING DR. ROBERT STRAUS

(Editor's Note: In the Feb. 2020 UKAEF Newsletter, I suggested members acknowledge and share their colleagues' successes in our newsletter. Thank you to Tom Garrity for reminding us that Robert Straus was one of the five-person team assembled by Dean William Willard in 1956 to develop the academic curriculum of the new UK College of Medicine. Dr. Straus founded the UK Dept. of Behavioral Science.)

Dr. Straus's work led to his election to the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

by Thomas Garrity

It was the spring of 1970 when I first met Bob Straus. I was a medical sociology graduate student at Duke University and was on the job market. One of my Duke faculty observed that the Department of Behavioral Science at the University of Kentucky was expanding its faculty and searching for new faculty with a social science concentration. Bob Straus was the chairman of that department. I wrote to him and was invited to visit his department to interview.

Our first face-to-face contact was interesting. I was to be picked up by Bob at the front door of my motel. I waited for him just inside the front door. He arrived punctually, locked his car, and came in to meet me. As we approached his car, he unlocked the door for me and rounded the car to unlock his door. I reached across and unlocked his door and thought nothing of it. Unwittingly, I had just passed the first test of our encounter. I learned later that Bob used this “test” to observe how the applicant might fit in with the team he hoped to build.

Another characteristic of Bob's leadership was to promote intradepartmental communication among faculty. Hence, our work and collaboration always involved weekly meetings. Some considered these a waste of time but in meetings we learned about the ideas of our colleagues which helped us avoid misunderstandings and promote novel ideas. In the long run, most of us came to appreciate Bob's ways of furthering good collegial understanding.

Bob's vision for medical education led to the inclusion of the important insights from the social and behavioral sciences in the training of U.S. medical students. Bob's ground-breaking plans for systematic coverage of insights from the behavioral sciences led to development of required behavioral content in medical education at UK and required testing in the national medical certification exams.

I loved Bob as a colleague and mentor from the beginning of my career through our retirement years. I am deeply grateful that I was lucky enough in my life to spend much of it in the Department of Medical Behavioral Science that Bob founded. Rest in peace, Bob.

IN MEMORIAM

*Member, UKAEF

- ♦ Ruth R. Buck, Spouse of late Frank Buck, Animal Sciences
- ♦ Loretta Clark, Spouse of Thomas D. Clark, History
- ♦ Glenn Burton Collins, Plant and Soil Sciences
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- ♦ *Jacqueline Anne Noonan, Pediatric Cardiology
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- ♦ Paul Gregory Sears, Chemistry, Faculty Asst. to UK President
- ♦ Robert Tharsing, Art
- ♦ Lowell Thompson Vice, Medicine
- ♦ Elizabeth van Nagell, Spouse of John van Nagell, Obstetrics and Gynecology

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

REMINDER: next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 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)**

**Al Cross: THE KENTUCKY POLITICAL LANDSCAPE
IN THE WAKE OF THE NOV. 3 ELECTIONS,
followed by Q & A.**

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

2020-21 Dues are* \$20 (includes spouse or partner)

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HAVE PAID YOUR 2020-21 DUES)**



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